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KOWLOON ISSUE DEADLOCK

China Reiterates Claim To Walled City

WATER SUPPLY FOR HOLIDAYS

A full supply of water is to be given on the Island and Mainland at Chinese New Year from 6 a.m. on the 9th to 10 p.m. on the 11th instant. Thereafter, the restrictions at present in force will be reimposed.

Anglo-U.S. Plan For Germany

Berlin, Feb. 6. The British and American authorities today issued the charter for Bizonia which gave the Germans for the first time since the war all the trappings of broad government—but carefully without political powers.

At the same time proclamations were issued providing for the Bizonia system to come into effect on Feb. 9 and its establishment for functioning within 15 days thereafter.

It created an Economic Council of 104 members—double the present number—with considerable economic powers and executive, legal and enforcement powers in that field.

The existing authorities put the strongest possible emphasis on the fact that political powers are not granted for governing the combined Anglo-American Zones of Western Germany.

The authorities said the charter should not be called a constitution since it did not come from the German people but from the occupation authorities.

The States Parliaments will elect new members of the Council, one for each 750,000 population.

The Economic Council is empowered to raise tax money by customs, excise, postal services, rail and transport taxes.—United Press.

GOLD FOUND ON H.K. SHIP

Shanghai, Feb. 6. Alert preventive officers of the Shanghai Customs discovered and seized 280 ounces of gold aboard the Jardine steamer, s.s. "Wing Sang", which arrived from Hong Kong on Wednesday.

A Chinese man, Au Young-kun, 27, was knocked down and fatally injured by a P.W.D. lorry in Wanchai Road, near the Cathay Theatre, at about 11.45 p.m. yesterday.

Rice Rationing In Canton

Canton, Feb. 6. Rice rationing is to be introduced in Canton if the present plans of the authorities materialise. This will be the first time that any commodity has been rationed in the Kwangtung capital.

Government inspectors are at present checking the number of people in each household, and it is hoped to start the scheme next month.

The system of distribution is likely to be similar to that followed in Hong Kong. Ration cards will be issued and certain shops will be assigned to sell the rationed rice.

Under the scheme it is hoped to provide rice at a lower cost.

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Exception Taken To British View

Nanking, Feb. 6.

China is still endeavouring to re-establish sovereignty over the Kowloon Walled City, through negotiations with the British authorities, Dr. Wang Shih-chieh, Foreign Minister, told the State Council today. He reported, however, that no headway had been made in the talks currently held in Nanking and London.

Simultaneously the Foreign Office this afternoon released the text of the reply of the Chinese Ambassador in London to the British Foreign Office note of Jan. 24, reiterating Chinese sovereignty in Kowloon Walled City and affirming the responsibility for the incident concerning the eviction of squatters upon the Hong Kong Government.

Ambassador Cheng Lien Hsi's note said that the Chinese stand was based on the interpretation of the Peking Convention of 1898 and reference to other treaties concluded in the same year, forming the basis of other leased territories.

"It is true that the relevant provision of the Peking Convention is regarding the Kowloon, called 'certain' Chinese officials now stationed there and requires them to exercise jurisdiction in a manner consistent with the military requirements for the defence of Hong Kong."

"But these few words cannot logically be taken to mean only the persons then holding office in the city and not to include all their successors."

Responsibility

"Moreover, nowhere in the Convention regarding Kowloon's walled city is there to be found any provision for the withdrawal of the Chinese officials under any circumstances."

"On the contrary, the stipulation that within the remainder of the newly-leased territory, Britain shall have sole jurisdiction necessarily implies that within the walled city of Kowloon, Britain was not empowered to exercise such jurisdiction."

Deploping the Chinese warning against the employment of "coercive measures" having gone unheeded when the squatters dispute arose, the note says: "The Chinese Government feels very strongly that the responsibility for the unfortunate incidents in the Kowloon walled city should be borne by the Hong Kong Government."

"Provocative"

"The unwarranted action on the part of that Government, taken at a time when conversations were still in progress between the two sides, with a view to reaching an amicable settlement, contributed mainly to the deteriorating situation which led to the series of events that followed, including the incident in Shanghai on Jan. 16."

The note also took exception to the British view that the British magistrate's visit to the Kowloon walled city was partly responsible for the Kowloon incident, stating that the "action taken by the P.W.D. magistrate in visiting the walled city and comforting the eviction on Jan. 3 was the least a magistrate, legally responsible for the administration of the city area, should do in discharging duties devolving upon him."

Urging Britain to "obtain the proper perspective of the Convention of 1898 regarding the leased territory of Kowloon," the note said: "Unable to resist successive de-

mands from the powers seeking a sphere of influence on the Asian mainland, the Chinese Government secured the minimum reservation in each of the leases, where a local government was functioning, in the form of a special area over which China should continue to exercise jurisdiction."

"Outmoded System"

"In other words, China yielded to force of circumstances... without renouncing her jurisdiction in respect of reserved areas. That the failure of Britain to observe even this reservation in respect of Kowloon, which stands now as the last vestige of an outmoded system, would have the most unfortunate repercussions in China."

China's note cited the Sino-American and Sino-Russian treaties as proof of the contention that the Chinese Government reserved a "jurisdictional island" within each leased territory.

The British Government contends that the treaty provided continued jurisdiction over Kowloon only in the Chinese officials stationed there at the time of the agreement, and that they should have the jurisdiction and not their successors.

No Solution

"The Chinese note, which concluded that 'in order to prevent further aggravation of the situation, the Chinese Government earnestly urges the British Government to accede to requests for a proper settlement put forward by the Chinese Government,' indicates that continued negotiations between British and Chinese officials have failed to find common ground in the interpretation of the wording of the treaty concerning the leased Kowloon territory."

China's note made no mention as to the Chinese riots as a result of which the British Consulate and other property in Canton was destroyed and one of the British formal demands for compensation.—Reuter and Associated Press.

TUC Shock For Attlee

London, Feb. 6.

Trade Union leaders said today that they will ignore Government's plea for a voluntary moratorium on pay increases.

A.G. Tomkins, general secretary of the National Union of Furniture Trade Workers, said his Union would disregard Government's appeal and maintain its claims for an extra 4d. an hour for its 100,000 members.

Leaders of bus and ship-building unions expressed similar views.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, will elaborate on Government's wages policy in a broadcast over the BBC at 9.15 GMT (8.15 a.m. HK time) tonight.—United Press.

South China First?

Nanking, Feb. 6.

The official Central Daily News said today the Government will adopt Li Gen, Albert Wedemeyer's recommendation to concentrate on the development of South China as one of the main features in the overall economic reconstruction programme of the current fiscal year.

The paper added that Gen. Wedemeyer's recommendation was contained in a personal letter from the American general to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

"The Central Daily reported that the Government is planning to boost production of iron ore in Hainan Island and tin ore in Yunnan for export in order to obtain foreign exchange. The construction of a steel factory in Hainan also is being contemplated.—United Press.

DIVORCE RULING RELIEF

London, Feb. 6.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, today issued a statement expressing the "relief" of the Church of England that the House of Lords, the highest legal authority in the country, had ruled against the granting of decrees of nullity in cases where it was alleged that the use of contraceptives prevented the consummation of marriage.

Dr. Fisher declared that if law lords had been prepared to grant nullity decrees on these grounds, "the door would have been opened in the case of every childless marriage to collusive applications for nullity and thus to 'trial marriages' with nullity as a way of ending them."

The Church would continue to accept for its own purpose all decrees of nullity "but the insistence of the Church upon the obligations of parenthood as the chief end of matrimony remains untouched," the Archbishop said.

"The Church could not have gone on accepting nullity decrees made by the state 'once the way was opened to collusive claims for nullity.'"

The House of Lords on Dec. 17 dismissed the appeal against the decision of the lower courts, refusing a decree of nullity. The Lords held that marriage had been consummated even though contraceptives had been used.—Reuter.

CHINA'S BID TO AVERT DISASTER

Shanghai, Feb. 6.

Stating the Chinese Government was sincere in its efforts to combat the many sided difficulties facing the nation, Dr. Chang Kia-ngau, Governor of the Central Bank, told a large gathering of local American business leaders last night that Sino-American cooperation was imperative in the solution of the various problems.

He heartily endorsed a ten-point programme for international reform advanced by Premier Chang Chun to ensure the efficient utilization of American aid.

Dr. Chang paid a glowing tribute to the help given by the United States to China during the second world war as China's ally and stressed the importance of American aid in the common fight for peace and reconstruction.

He expressed the hope that American aid would help China to balance her budget which he said is a prerequisite to arrest China's monetary inflation.

"Under such conditions we have to have outside assistance in order to increase our strength of resistance and resilience."—Reuter.

Bao Dai On Way Back

Paris, Feb. 6.

The ex-emperor of Annam, Bao Dai, arrived in Paris yesterday afternoon from Lyons, on his way back to the Far East.

Overseas Ministry said that Bao Dai's visit to the capital was purely private, and he would have no "official" talks with the French Government during his stay.

The ex-emperor is travelling to Hong Kong to begin consultation with representatives of political and religious groups in Vietnam. He is the supreme political adviser to the Vietnamese Government.—Reuter.

Norston, Feb. 6. R.A.F. Squadron Leader Bill Waterton established a new air speed record of 515.8 miles an hour today for the 100 kilometres closed circuit. The record is subject to confirmation.—Reuter.

OFFICER ON H.K. SMUGGLING CHARGE

Shanghai, Feb. 6.

Li Daniel and two other suspects will shortly face a court martial on charges of smuggling activities, between Hong Kong, Shanghai and North China, a spokesman of the United States Navy her disclosed. The total sum involved is said to reach US\$10,000.—Central News.

Shanghai Red Plot Alarm

Shanghai, Feb. 6.

Alarmed by rumours that the Communists are plotting fresh major riots around Chinese New Year, the Shanghai Social Security Promotion Committee—a semi-official civic organisation—today petitioned the Government for immediate steps to strengthen Shanghai's defences.

The Committee urged Government either to transfer strong units to Shanghai or take steps to organise the city's own security.

Meanwhile, the city authorities are reported to be recruiting 1,000 additional policemen. It was pointed out that during the third major riot on Monday in which police clashed with cotton mill hands the law officers showed "signs of fatigue" having tackled two previous riots within five days.

The Committee recommended that the judicial machinery should show efficiency in punishing the riot leaders and releasing the innocent.

Another resolution suggested that civic leaders write down their views on the Government ban against "commercialised dancing" reflecting the general Chinese impression that the Government should avoid tackling "small matters" disturbing the people when confronted with such major issues as the civil war and the runaway inflation.—United Press.

H.K. STEAMER GUTTED

Dramatic Rescue Of Over 200 On Board

The 1,100-ton s.s. "Hsin Kong So," carrying a full cargo of cassia, fire-crackers, camphor wood, Chinese herbs and more than 200 people was completely gutted by fire yesterday morning while en route from Macao to Hong Kong. The 140 passengers and 67 crew, including the master, Captain F. R. Wood, left the blazing vessel in time. There were no casualties. Ambulances and doctors ordered to standby in Hong Kong for emergency cases were alerted in vain.

On board the ship, were 10 cattle. These were pushed overboard before the fire enveloped the ship and swam to safety.

The ship burned for more than 10 hours. Efforts by a Fire Float from Hong Kong were futile.

The fire had got a firm grip on the ship by the time it arrived. Captain Wood's wise decision to beach the vessel and the calmness of the passengers and crew are the main reasons for no casualties being recorded.

While the ship was burning, fishing junks and sampans hurried to help. Three passing river-steamers took on some of the passengers.

Total Loss

The "Hsin Kong So" is believed to be a total loss. It is beached at Lantau Point.

Delayed for an hour owing to heavy tide, the "Hsin Kong So" left Macao for Hong Kong at 4 a.m. An hour later, with Tai-O in sight, the ship slowed down owing to the shallow water.

When near Shekeshuehuan Fan Lau, the engine room signalled that a fire had broken out in the engine room as a result of an oil pipe bursting. This was about 6.20 a.m. Captain Wood immediately ordered the passengers and crew to put on life-belts and to stand by for disembarkation.

The fire was eventually extinguished. The passengers and crew took off their lifebelts and began settling down again—some to sleep again and others to the dining hall to gossip.

A few minutes later, smoke was seen seeping through cracks in the No. 1 hold adjoining the engine room. The heat of the fire had penetrated through the dividing steel plates and ignited a cargo of Chinese herbs, camphor-wood and general cargo.

Blazing Furnace

The passengers were again alerted to stand by with their life-belts on for disembarkation. Apparently realising that it would be practically impossible to get the outbreak under control with the fire fighting apparatus on board, the Captain decided to beach the vessel on Lantau Island.

In a few minutes, No. 1 hold was a blazing furnace. The fire fighting unit on board the vessel was unable to prevent the fire from spreading.

When the ship was beached, the Captain ordered the lowering of all available boats. The passengers remained calm throughout. Fishing junks and sampans rowed up to the burning ship to help.

Women and children were the first to leave the ship. Male passengers followed and then members of the crew. Captain Wood was the last to leave.

The s.s. "Mei Wah" and s.s. "Wing Hong" on their way to Macao from Hong Kong passed the burning vessel at about 8 a.m. They stopped to inquire whether any assistance was required and at the same time took on board more than 10 of the passengers from the "Hsin Kong So" who had decided to return to Macao.

Luggage Lost

By this time all the passengers and crew had been landed. The ship's chief clerk, Ho Hon, boarded a Revenue Department Launch from Chung Chau and went to Tai-O Police Station to report. The Police there in turn informed the Water Police. As a result, Fire Float No. 2 with 10 firemen under Station Officer C.W. Browne was dispatched to the scene.

While the fire float was speeding to the burning "Hsin Kong So," s.s. "Kwongai" passed Tai-O shortly after 10 a.m. "Kwongai" brought back to Hong Kong 30 of the passengers and the 67 crew. All the passengers had lost most of their luggage. Their only possessions were the clothes they wore and one or two small packages and small leather or rattan cases.

Every effort made by Hong Kong's fishermen to put the fire

out and save part of the ship was in vain. They fought the outbreak for more than four hours.

The vessel was completely gutted. It is reported to be insured for \$800,000.

At 8.15 p.m. No. 3 Police Launch brought back the remaining passengers—110—and went back to the burnt out ship to guard against looting. Fire Float returned to Hong Kong by 6 p.m.

The "Hsin Kong So" was the former "Unture," of Vancouver. She is licensed to carry 500 passengers.

The vessel was formerly in the Hong Kong Canton service. It was taken off the run, following receipt by the owners of threatening letters demanding huge sums for "protection."

H.K. Girls Disturbed Manila

Manila, Feb. 6.

A spokesman for the Cathay, new night club opening here soon, told Reuter this evening that the 22 female members of the Chinese troupe of entertainers, who had recently arrived from Hong Kong, will be sent back by air, probably early next week "for the peace of mind" of certain members of the Chinese community in Manila, who had protested against the girls' presence on moral grounds.

The 14 male members of the troupe will remain for their scheduled performance in the Manila Opera House.

The spokesman said that there was nothing illegal connected with the girls' entry, adding that they were "good girls and their moral fabric beyond question, but for the peace of mind of that portion of the community which has chosen to misconstrue their presence, the management of the club, which had engaged their services, has decided to send them back to Hong Kong."—Reuter.

BRITISH CRUISER FOR CHINA

Portsmouth, Feb. 6.

The 5,270-ton cruiser Aurora, which has been loaned from the Royal Navy to the Chinese Navy, left here today for Portland, Dorset, on a shakedown cruise preparatory to leaving

for China. The warship was manned partly by British and partly by Chinese naval ratings.—Reuter.

Compulsory Loan In China Proposed

Nanking, Feb. 6.

Chien Kuan-shan, leading Legislative Yuan member, today announced plans to introduce a resolution to the Legislative Yuan for the flotation of a US\$500,000,000 "compulsory" public loan to meet China's current huge budget deficit and make the rich men contribute to China's reconstruction.

In an interview with the United Press, Mr. Chien said he strongly criticized the announced Government intention of depending on American aid to balance internal spending. He maintained that American assistance, when forthcoming, will be given exclusively to constructive projects.

Chien, considered one of the strong men in the Legislative Yuan, asserted that China should follow the example of the French Government of floating a public loan which should "ration the rich men" for "compulsory purchase."

He said the experience of the short term U.S. dollar loan and Treasury notes last year showed that the "free purchase" principle was unfeasible.

He said a "compulsory" loan is the only sensible way to even up internal payments and would be best fitting the expression of China's self-help efforts.

ALERT IN SIAM

Bangkok, Feb. 6.

Siamese troops in the southern district of Songkha have been put on the alert in case Muslim separatist activities there give rise to an emergency. Some Muslim elements in the area have been campaigning for separation, for Siam to join the Malay Union. Siamese Government circles claim these elements are unrepresentative.—Reuter.

Terror Expert's Suicide

Paris, Feb. 6.

General Otto von Stulpnagel, 70, former German Military Governor of Paris, hanged himself today in his prison cell to avoid interrogation on war crimes charges before a Paris military tribunal tomorrow.

Stulpnagel hanged himself in Cherche-Midi Prison with a noose fashioned from a sleeping bag.

He held a double rank, being general of an army corps and a Luftwaffe general. He was the German commander in France and Military commander of the Greater Paris area from October, 1940 to June, 1942.

Stulpnagel is accused of carrying out a reign of terror in Paris and charged with complicity in murder, pillaging, sequestration and destruction.

He was the fourth top Nazi to commit suicide. The first was Hermann Goering and the second General Franz Brehme.

Stulpnagel once announced reprisal executions of 100 French for every one German assassinated unless the actual attackers were surrendered. Many reprisals were carried out.—United Press.

Sink At Sight Greek Order

Athens, Feb. 6.

The Greek Navy has been ordered to sink at sight any submarine appearing in Greek waters, press reports said today. The reports added that ships carrying military equipment to Greece would sail in convoy, escorted by destroyers or corvettes.

Greek Air Force planes have been ordered to carry out anti-submarine reconnaissance near the Greek coasts.

One German submarine was reported to have been sighted recently near the port of Preveza in the Adriatic Sea and another, travelling on the surface, was said to have stopped a schooner between the island of Hiros and Crete.—Reuter.

for China. The warship was manned partly by British and partly by Chinese naval ratings.—Reuter.

The Weather

General situation:—There is little change in the anticyclone centred over Mongolia, which covers the whole of China and the neighbouring seas. Pressure is relatively low over Siam and to the east and south-east of Japan.

Forecast:—Moderate or fresh north-east winds, cloudy, with bright periods in the afternoon.

Yesterday's Weather:—Maximum: 81.4 deg. Fah. Minimum: 55.6 deg. Fah. Sunshine: 0.5 hour. Rainfall: Trace. Total since Jan. 1: 0.2 in. (0.01 in. per day). Average of 41.3 mm. (1.63 in.) readings at 10 a.m. (1928-1937). Baro. at m.a.s.l. (1928-1937) 30.1 in. Hg. Humidity: 80-85 % Dew Point: 65-70 deg. F. Wind Direction: E by N Wind Force: 1-3 knots.

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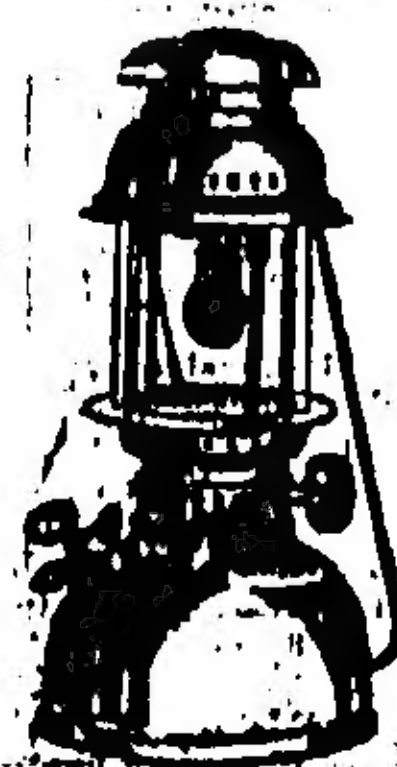
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Radio Operator's Big Fine

Lam Wai-yin, 28, radio operator, was fined the maximum of \$2,000 on each of two charges of maintaining and operating a radio-communication station without a licence, and with illegal possession of a radio-communication set without a licence, by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday. The alternative to the \$2,000 fine was 12 months' hard labour.

Chun King (35), and Lau Chuen (27), charged with Lam, were each fined a total of \$3,000 or eight months' hard labour. On the defendants pleading that they were only employed by a Mr. Wong, whose address they did not know, the Magistrate remarked, "I am sure your employer will pay your fines for you. You should have realised that what you were doing was illegal."

Presenting, Det. Sub-Inspector E. S. Brooks, Special Branch, said that at 10 a.m. on Feb. 5 a Police party visited 210 Tai Nam Street, second floor, and found the first and second accused in the front cubicle.

There was a transmitting and receiving set, which was still warm, in the room. Chan was repairing some other apparatus. Questioned, Lam admitted being the operator of the set.

While the Police were on the premises a number of phone messages on exchange rates were received. The telephone was just outside the cubicle.

Lau arrived shortly afterwards and told the Police that he was employed as a telephone clerk, and that he gave all exchange rates received by phone to first defendant to transmit.

RADIO CASE

On the application of Mr. J. M. d'Almeida Remedios, hearing of the case against Lu Po (37), manager of the Good Earth & Co., 171 Sai Yee Street, first floor, was fixed by Mr. Blair-Kerr for 2.15 p.m. on Feb. 12.

Lu was charged with possession of a transmission valve, two transmitting coils, and a Morse key at the above address on Feb. 2. Bail in \$500 was granted accused. Det. Sub-Inspector Pilkington will prosecute.

Reminders

Today

Cosmo Club Chinese New Year Dance.
H.K. Football Referees Association Dinner, Luk Kwok Hotel, 8 p.m.
Royal H.K. Yacht Club Dance.
Students Winter Conference, St. Stephen's Boys College, Stanley.
Stage Club presentation of "The Man who came to Dinner" Missions to Seamen Theatre, 8.30 p.m.
Chinese Lyric Tenor's Farewell Concert, St. Stephen's Girls College, 8.30 p.m.
Race Meeting, Happy Valley, 2 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
Soccer: Danes v. Norwegians, Happy Valley.
MONDAY
Crown Land Auction, PWD offices, 3 p.m.
TUESDAY
Kowloon Cricket Club Chinese New Year Dance 8 p.m.



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SENTENCE ON ITO

General Gets 12 Years In Gaol

The War Crimes trial in which Lt. General Ito Takeo is charged on four counts of committing war crimes during the attack on the Colony in 1941 was brought to an end yesterday, when he was found guilty on two counts and sentenced to 12 years.

Before starting his closing address, Major Gurney, for the prosecution, said that whatever the outcome of the case would be it had aroused great public interest and he would like to express his thanks for the public spiritedness of the ladies who had come forth to give evidence in the case, especially to the two Chinese ladies.

The whole of the morning's proceedings were confined to addresses by both counsel and in the afternoon, when the Court assembled, accused was found guilty on two of the four charges.

Col. Matsumoto Shoji (in behalf of accused), said that the accused was known for his thoroughness and his heartedness. He was strict in seeing that orders were carried out and he was loved by his subordinates. This was reflected on the field. He was always kind and sympathetic to P.O.W.'s who came under him.

In the attack on Hong Kong, when the Canadians with their limited strength, were overwhelmed by the Japanese after three days of fighting, he heard of the death of Brigadier Lawson in battle.

P.O.W.'s

He gave orders to the Regimental commander to take good care of the body and give it a proper burial.

On Dec. 25 on his way he stopped at the burial place of Lawson and prayed for his soul.

In the Dutch East Indies he always treated non-combatants well.

Witness recalled three occasions in Timor when accused treated prisoners well. Once he allowed 200 P.O.W.'s to live as they wished under their own officers. He had liaison officers to assist them.

Iyama Kakau also spoke on his behalf and mentioned the death of Brigadier Lawson. He stated that he had been ordered by Ito to visit the grave of Lawson. During his three years and eight months in Hong Kong he had visited the grave three times and placed flowers there.

Commander Yoshino Shizu said that he knew Ito, as in January 1944 accused was in charge of an Army Unit in the Bismarck Archipelago. Witness was senior staff officer of the Naval Unit there. Due to his position he was able to observe Ito and always found him to be an upright and kind man.

Not long after his arrival in New Ireland he arranged that all European and Chinese he looked after. He ordered the Japanese soldiers to build barracks for them and permitted them to enter and leave as desired. Witness himself frequently visited the barracks and noticed that the guards were kind to all and that the barracks was well supplied with food and medical supplies.

Court Thanked

Ito was condemned to death in Rabaul for war crimes and when his sentence was commuted all the Japanese were very happy.

During the war there was friction between the Army and Navy but witness was always ready to support accused and give him support as he was always certain that accused was an upright man.

After accused was sentenced to 12 years he was given permission to speak. He thanked the court for its attention during the 10 days of trial and added that once the case had started he was easy in his mind as to how his trial would be conducted.

This must be attributed to the wonderful personality of the president and members of the court. He expressed his gratitude for all they had done and by saying that though they might not meet again he would like to express the warmest and fervent hope for all good wishes to the court and the officials.

After the court arose, accused shook hands with both counsel and interpreters.

Personalia

Mr. Peter Sin left for Shanghai yesterday morning to consult the Chinese authorities in connection with the "Million Dollar Bail Case," in which he represents the Chinese Government to extradition proceedings against Hsu Chik-chung, formerly of the Postal Remittance and Savings Bank at Shanghai. The case, in which Mr. Marcus Silva is defending Hsu, will be heard on Feb. 18.

The wedding of Mr. Melvin Leary Ogden, Diesel Engineer, 37 Kimberley Road, Kowloon, to Miss Lai Yee Chang, took place at the Supreme Registry yesterday in the presence of Mr. J. L. Cranna and Miss Carmen Gonsalez.

The forthcoming wedding of Mr. Edward E. Evans Williams, Engineer, Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd., to Miss Titi Chow of 102 Austin Road, has been announced.

Newspaper Story Denied

Reports in the "Wah Kiu Yat Po" yesterday that Chinese nationalists travelling from Hong Kong to Taiwan will in future be regarded as overseas Chinese and will have to possess a travel certificate when landing in Taiwan, were discounted in Chinese official circles.

The report said that this measure was to be enforced to prevent infiltration into Taiwan of Communist elements from Hong Kong.

A representative of the Special Commissioner (Foreign Affairs) for Kwangtung-Kwangsi told the "Chin Mail" yesterday that no such instructions had been received from Nanking.

Quarantine restrictions have been imposed against arrivals from Bangkok and Hanoi on account of smallpox.

Without due care and attention, was driving private car 447 along Castle Peak Road towards Kowloon, at 5 p.m. on Feb. 5, when he ran into a pedestrian walking along the bridge at Taun Wan. The woman was only slightly injured.

There were some lorries on the bridge at the same time, said SI Roberts, and defendant should have stopped. When he saw the woman in front.

According to the prosecuting officer, accused stated "I have avoided three lorries," but failed to explain why he did not avoid the woman.

The car, when examined, was found to be in a very bad condition, said SI Roberts, and was handed over to the Traffic Department.

Defendant was fined \$200.

Lau, charged with driving

Theatre Sued By Author

Alleged infringement of copyright in two Chinese dramatic works, entitled "Chai Kiu Long Kang Kiu" and "Ho Chu See Nung Ka" formed the basis of an action for damages by Fung-Chi-fun against The World Theatre before Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Puisne Judge) at the Supreme Court yesterday.

Fung was represented by Mr. P. J. Griffiths of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, while Mr. F. H. Losely appeared for The World Theatre.

The plaintiff, who is described as a song writer, claims to be the author and owner of the copyright in the two dramatic works forming the subject of the action.

The defendants are alleged to have infringed the plaintiff's copyright in the two works by performing or authorising or permitting the performance, in public, of cinematograph films without the consent of the plaintiff at the World Theatre.

The films bore the same title as that of the two works. Both works consist of dialogue and songs in Cantonese. The dialogue and songs are also in the Cantonese dialect.

The plaintiff therefore claimed damages or, alternatively, an account of the profits and such other relief as the Court might deem fit to award.

Mr. Justice Gould fixed the case for hearing on Mar. 10, at 2.30 p.m. and made an order for particulars of defence and mutual discovery.

EUROPEAN IN COURT

J. Bruyere of the Optique Co., French Bank Bldg., was summoned at the Central Magistrate's yesterday before Mr. J. G. Conklin on a charge of dangerous driving, for which he was fined \$100.

TS McInnes, prosecuting, told the Court that Mr. Bruyere was driving along Repulse Bay Road on December 31 when defendant overtook him at a fast speed. Nearing a bridge, Mr. Bruyere saw defendant pass another car and yet another ahead. He then rounded a bend on the wrong side of the road.

Quarantine restrictions have been imposed against arrivals from Bangkok and Hanoi on account of smallpox.

Without due care and attention, was driving private car 447 along Castle Peak Road towards Kowloon, at 5 p.m. on Feb. 5, when he ran into a pedestrian walking along the bridge at Taun Wan. The woman was only slightly injured.

There were some lorries on the bridge at the same time, said SI Roberts, and defendant should have stopped. When he saw the woman in front.

According to the prosecuting officer, accused stated "I have avoided three lorries," but failed to explain why he did not avoid the woman.

The car, when examined, was found to be in a very bad condition, said SI Roberts, and was handed over to the Traffic Department.

Defendant was fined \$200.

Lau, charged with driving

Right Of Court To Hear Appeal Against Judgment

The question as to whether the Full Court of Appeal has jurisdiction to hear an appeal against the judgment of Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice), upholding the decision of the District Officer, New Territories, was raised before a Full Court comprising Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Puisne Judge) and Mr. Justice J. Reynolds (Acting Additional Judge), yesterday.

In view of the importance of the matter, judgment was reserved.

The question was the outcome of an appeal by Cheung Sau-lin who sought, on Jan. 20, 1947, an order that the judgment of Mr. J. Burrow, District Officer New Territories, given on Aug. 23, 1947, and Oct. 17, 1947, be reversed.

The appeal was dismissed by Mr. Justice Williams and the appellant is now desirous of appealing to the Full Court, but this body feels that it has no jurisdiction to hear the appeal.

Mr. B. A. Bernatchi, instructed by Mr. A. S. C. Comber of Messrs. Hastings & Co., is appearing for Cheung Sau-lin (appellant). The respondent, Cheung Yul-lan, appeared in person.

Mr. Bernatchi said that the Full Court of Appeal had gained for itself the greatest respect of the people of the Colony and it would indeed be most unfortunate if the right to come to this Full Court was not available to persons in the New Territories, and originally to take their cases before the Court of the Land Officer.

He referred to Section 23 of the New Territories Ordinance, which stipulated that every judgment or order of the Land Officer and every entry thereof in the Land Register should be conclusive for all purposes, provided that any person who considered himself aggrieved by any such judgment or order and entry might, within three months from the date of judgment, after obtaining a certificate from the Land Officer that the subject of the land in dispute exceeds \$2,000, move a judge a vary or set aside such judgment.

Under Section 24 of the New Territories Ordinance, it was provided that except by way of appeal from the Land Officer, no proceedings relating to land in the New Territories, should be commenced in the Supreme Court.

It could not be said that having once gone to the Supreme Court, by way of appeal, that there was anything in the New Territories Ordinance that could be interpreted as limiting the rights of the parties in the Supreme Court.

There was only one possible exception and that was laid down in Section 25 of the Ordinance, whereby the Court might apply the laws and customs of China in matters pertaining to the New Territories.

The appeal to Mr. Justice Williams was an appeal to the Supreme Court by virtue of the New Territories Ordinance and that under the circumstances, the Full Court had jurisdiction to entertain an appeal of the nature contemplated.

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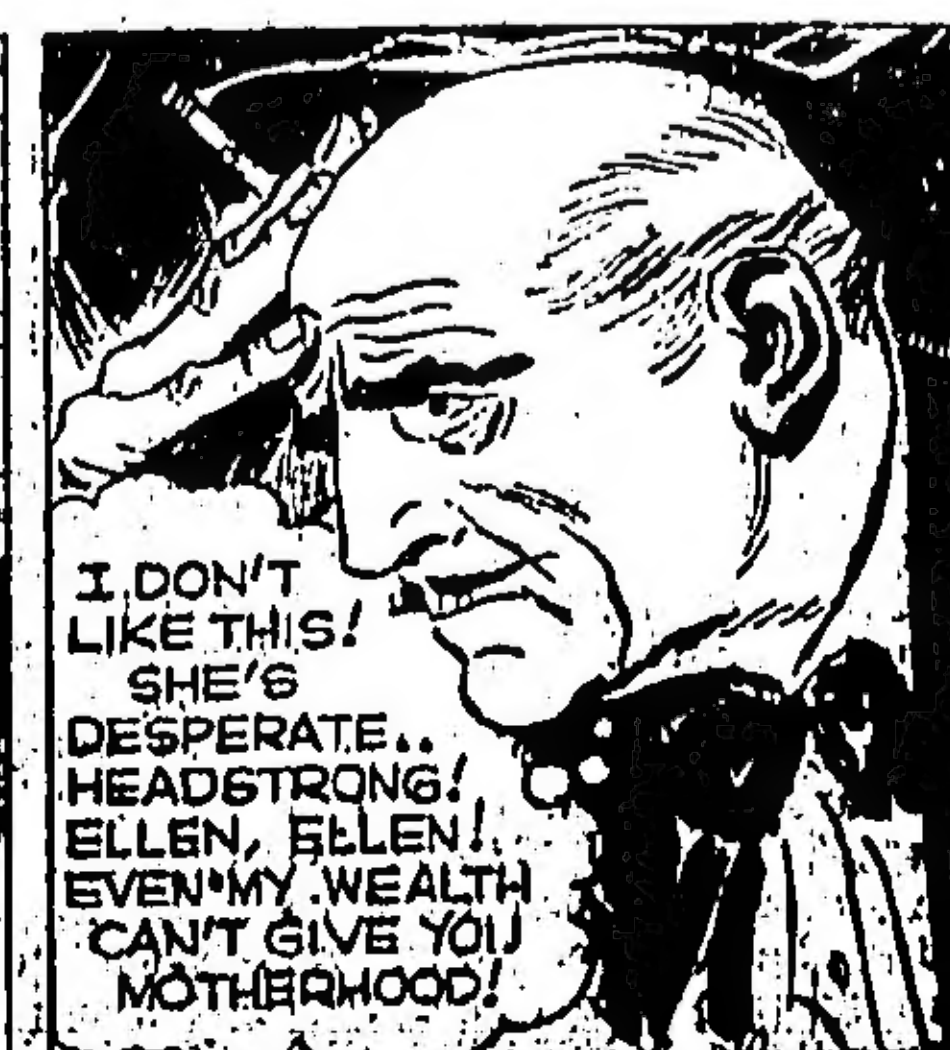
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VERANDAH TRAGEDY: Amah's Summons Dismissed

Survivors Give Evidence

Gang At Work In Hong Kong

The existence of a gang of women and children operating in the Wanchai and Central areas, victimising shopkeepers was alleged by DSI A. F. Cochrane at Central Magistracy yesterday when a 26-year-old female, Wong Mo-ching, unlicensed lawyer, appeared before Mr. F. X. d'Almada charged on two larceny counts, and one of receiving.

Defendant, who pleaded guilty, was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment and recommended for hard labour.

DSI Cochrane told the Court that at 10.10 a.m. on Feb. 3, the women, with several other women and children, entered the Dor Dor, 111, Shop, Johnston Road. The group occupied all the counters and got all the food engaged.

When they left a ladies' handbag belonging to Mrs. Leung Yuet, a customer, was missing. DPC Chan Cheung, hearing an alarm, arrested defendant whom he saw leaving the shop carrying a basket in which was found the bag containing \$50 cash and personal articles.

At the Police Station, it was discovered that Wong had applied the same methods on Feb. 2 at the Kwong Fat Yuen Tailor Shop, Des Voeux Road Central, and got away with two suit lengths, valued at \$500.

Two boys involved in that occasion were dealt with by Mr. Thomas Tam, one being sentenced to six months' imprisonment and the other to five years' reformatory.

DSI Cochrane added: "This gang has been continually operating in the Wanchai and Central areas, applying the same technique. They crowd round the counter and get all the food engaged. Then the small boys, whom they employ, lay their hands on anything possible and leave."

Three members of the gang had already been arrested and convicted, DSI Cochrane said.

Cut Phone Cables

Three unemployed will spend one year in prison assimilating the fact that "crime doesn't pay."

Charged with maliciously damaging the property of the military authorities at Tytam Reservoir on Feb. 1, Kwok Kwan, 19, Tsang Shu-tan, 29, and Li Kam-chai, 21, were sentenced to one year's hard labour by Mr. Conklin at Central Magistracy yesterday.

Inspector Brownrigg said that Lieut. Sidney saw several Chinese cutting telephone cables on a hillside near Tytam Reservoir and caught first defendant, who then led him to the homes of the other two.

Nine pieces of cable, each measuring 30 feet, were cut. The prosecution stated that there had been a great deal of stealing of military cables in the area.

Eye-witness accounts of the Queen Victoria Street tragedy on Dec. 22 afternoon when a E.U. Vehicle driven by Ricardo Santos collided with a pillar, bringing down the verandah of No. 82, Des Voeux Road, Central, killing a 17-year-old girl student and injuring several others, were related at Central Magistracy yesterday before Mr. F. X. d'Almada.

Richardo Santos charged with dangerous driving, driving without permission, and manslaughter, was committed for trial.

Mr. Sydney Ng Quinn, for defendant, reserved his defence. Mr. W. Brand, D.C.O., Fire Brigade, said he heard the sound of a crash and saw dust and debris mushrooming from the junction of Queen Victoria Street and Des Voeux Road from his window overlooking the road.

He went to the scene and saw a police truck under the debris. It had mounted the footway on the east side of the street and was facing south.

Child's Story
Eight-year-old Cheung Suk-hing of No. 82, Des Voeux Road Central, giving evidence, said he was playing with a classmate who then went out to the verandah on the first floor. She followed her friend but saw that an iron pillar was pinning her down. "I attempted to pull her in, but she went down with the pillar when the verandah sank down," the youthful witness said.

Tyram Thefts Plants

Six Chinese appeared at the Central Magistracy yesterday before Mr. J. Conklin, charged with possessing prohibited plants, and four were fined.

Fong Nam, 25, and Lam Fat, 17, charged with possessing three branches each of "Rhodoleia Chamaedorea" plant on Feb. 2, were fined \$25 or three days. Defendants said that they picked up the branches on the road.

In a similar case Forrest Gaud 57 said that he saw four Chinese, coming from Tytam Reservoir at 3 p.m. on Feb. 5, one of whom was carrying a branch of the "Shan Kut" plant and another a knife.

Cheng For, a 35-year-old cook, accused Tse Sun, 24, of cutting the plant. Tse denied that he had a knife on him.

There was so much murmuring among the defendants in the dock that Mr. Conklin remarked: "What are they murmuring about?"

Inspector Brownrigg replied: "They are tipping one another off on how to reply."

Lam Kam-wing, 30 said they picked up the branch. Hun Kwong, 28, corroborated.

Mr. Conklin cautioned Lam and Hung but fined the other two \$25 or one week.

Six men, some armed with revolvers, robbed two huts about 200 yards from the Railway tunnel, Shatin side, yesterday, getting away with a total of \$104 in cash.

Two Chinese, walking along Gascoigne Road, near King's Park, at about 6.30 p.m. yesterday were held up and robbed of two wrist watches.

Amah's Summons Dismissed

Franklin Birrel, of No. 15 Braemar Terrace, appeared at Central Magistracy yesterday before Mr. J. G. Conklin to answer a common assault summons brought against him by a Chinese amah, Yiu Ho.

Mr. Conklin, saying that had complainant produced witnesses, her case would have been stronger, dismissed the summons. He added that defendant did not assault the woman intentionally.

Yiu said that she was instructed by her mistress to call her daughter from No. 14 Braemar Terrace. She shouted for the girl outside, and she alleged, defendant approached her, grabbed her by the neck and threw her 10 feet away on to the ground.

Complainant said she remained unconscious for about 10 minutes. She admitted defendant helped her and said, "Sorry amah!"

Yiu said that she could not walk for two weeks and felt a pain in her stomach. Under cross-examination by Mr. D. B. Evans, Yiu denied that she laughed at defendant, and that he had warned her before the incident.

Defendant said he had been ill for some time and was recuperating. He had previously warned the amahs not to make a horrible noise outside as it was essential that he should have tranquillity.

The amahs did not need to shout, as they could easily ring the doorbells.

Yiu appeared to understand what he said in English and when she did not hear his warning he approached her and placed a hand on her shoulder. She resisted and "I increased my pressure," Birrel said. Yiu fell and he helped her up. He was surprised that she should have fallen, as he did not think his hold was forceful enough. "I apologised and helped her," he said. "I asked her whether she was hurt but she ran away," Birrel continued.

Wedding

Pearce—Quinn

A charming wedding took place at St. Joseph's Church yesterday afternoon when Miss Nina Quinn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Quinn, became the bride of Mr. Thomas Alexander Pearce, elder son of Mrs. and the late Mr. T. E. Pearce.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a beautiful full-length white satin dress, with French lace bodice and sleeves, and a long circular train. Her hand-embroidered veil was held in place by a coronet of orange blossoms and she carried a shower bouquet of white gladioli. Attending the bride was Miss Joy Beaton, who wore a pretty gown of powder-blue, french lace, with a bouquet and head dress of multi-coloured sweet peas.

Duties of bridesman were discharged by the bridesman's brother, Mr. J. L. C. Pearce.

At the reception held in the Hong Kong Club Annex the newlywed's health and happiness was proposed by Mr. J. W. Anderson, an old friend of the bridegroom's family.

After the cutting of the three-tiered cake before about five hundred guests, Mr. and Mrs. Pearce left for their honeymoon at Repulse Bay Hotel.

Watchman's Shots Stopped Them

A shot fired by an Indian watchman of the Nam Jim Torch Factory did not stop three fugitives from justice but stopped two Chinese detectives who were chasing them, according to Det. Sub-Inspector C. Downman when Lo Shing (28) was charged before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday with factory breaking.

Defendant, who pleaded guilty, was sentenced to two years' hard labour and recommended for banishment.

At 3 a.m. on Feb. 2, said DSI Downman, Det. Lance-Corporals 120 and 266 were on patrol duty in Peiho Street near Un Chau Street when they saw three men coming out of Peiho Street.

As the men were all carrying something on their shoulders, they were called upon by the detectives to stop. The men ran and were chased by the Police officers.

Police whistles blown by the detectives attracted an Indian watchman on duty at the Nam Jim Torch Factory, who, seeing some person running in his direction, fired a warning shot with his shotgun.

The two detectives stopped, but not the three suspects. The result was that the Police lost sight of two of the men and saw a second running in the same direction. The third man, who was seen running in the same direction, was also seen running in the same direction. The third man, who was seen running in the same direction, was also seen running in the same direction.

Court Argument Over Wool Price

Controversy over the retail controlled price of knitting wool led to six profiteering summonses being adjourned pending further inquiry into the matter by Price Control Inspector Pitman, when 14 defendants appeared before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy yesterday.

One of the defendants, all of whom Mr. d'Almada remarked "might have been the victims of wholesalers," told the Court that his wholesaler had guaranteed him that he could sell the wool at the maximum controlled price of \$22 per pound, since he had permission from the Price Control Department to sell at that price.

Mr. Pitman explained that following discussions on Dec. 3, the S.T. & L. permitted three firms to sell at the maximum price of \$22 for a certain type of wool.

Mr. d'Almada "The defendant might have acted innocently, and a victim of his wholesaler," adding that he should not have taken the risk, however.

Female Price Inspector M. Andrade in evidence said that wool could be sold at \$22 if a letter from the S.T. & L. permitting the sale was produced. Otherwise the controlled price was \$17.00 per pound.

Closure Orders

Two closure orders were ordered for non-payment.

Leung Kwok-kan, Tek Keong 126, Electric Road, Causeway Bay, was fined \$450 or one month closure for selling a cake of Lever's Health soap at 70 cents (65 cents). This was his second offence.

"You ought to have learnt a lesson. This is your second offence. It's deliberate," Mr. d'Almada remarked. Lam Man-ching, Hoi Tai, 31, Western Street, was fined \$25 for selling a pound of Kingsford Cornstarch at \$1.00 (\$0.90 cents).

Soo Shui Ching, Chuan Shum Tong, 173, Johnston Road, was fined \$50 for selling a bottle of Phillips Milk of Magnesia at \$3.20 (\$3.15).

Ng Sau-ling, Yan Sheung Kee, 34, Elgin Street, was fined \$25 for selling a 20-oz tin of Robin Hood oats at \$1.50 (\$1.20).

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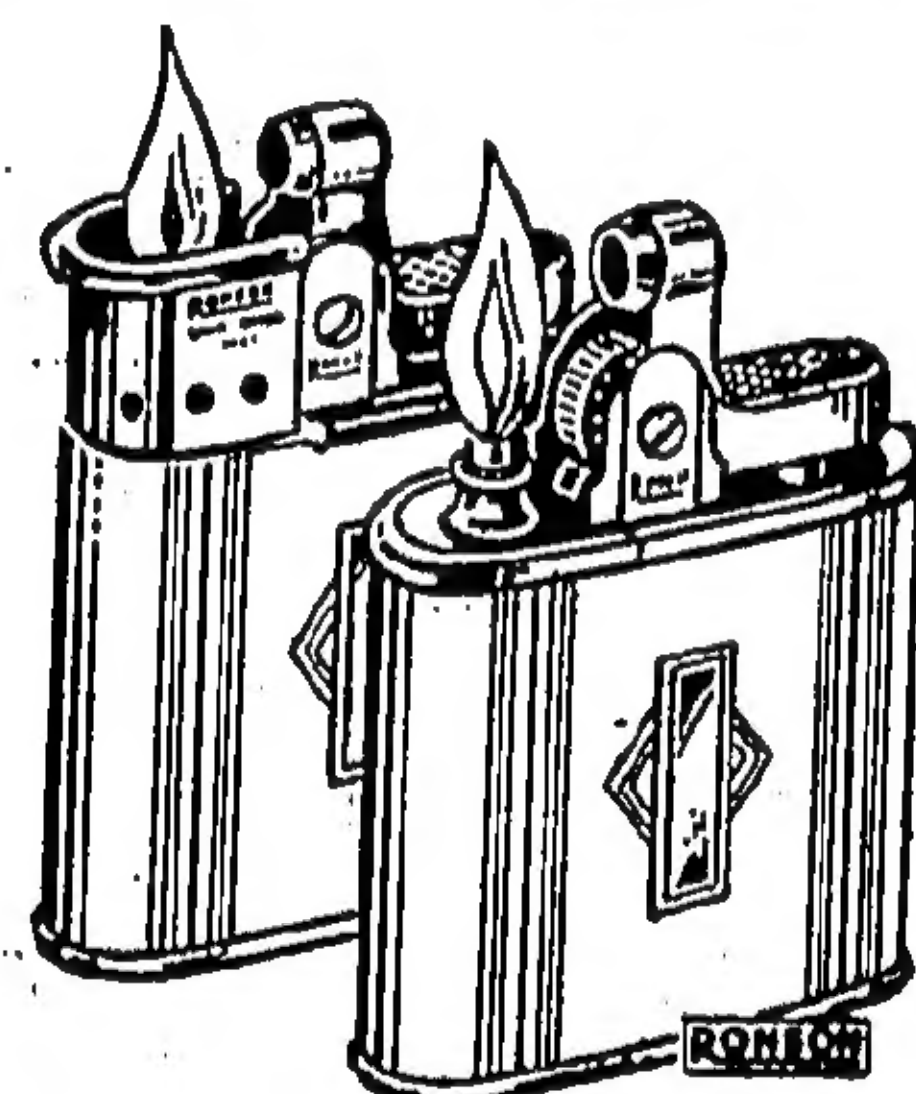
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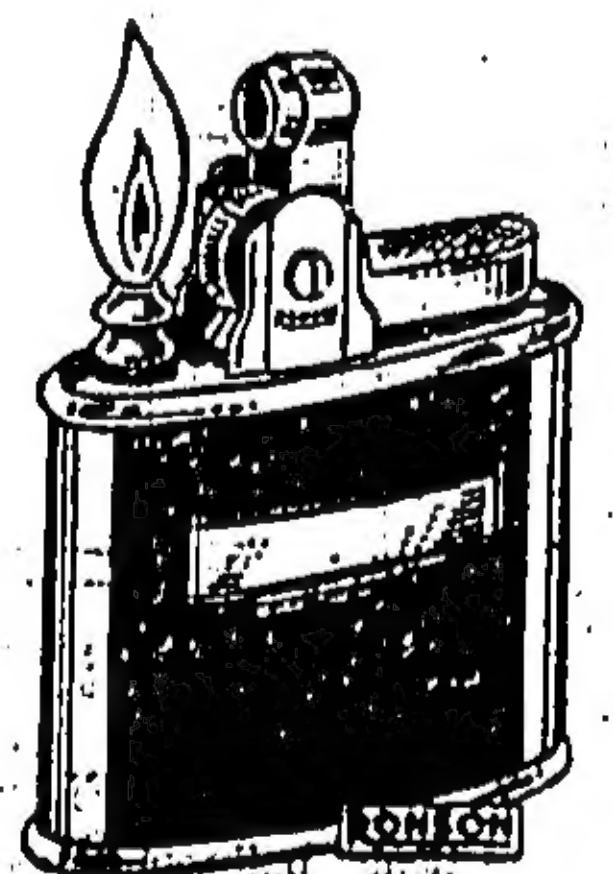


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Readers' Letters**That Judas Touch**

Sir,-The disclaimer from Long
Sir, responsibility for removing
the late Queen Victoria's statue
from Statue Square during the
occupation somewhat intrigued
me, as I recollect during the war
encountering a British Intelli-
gence officer in China who spoke
of the dismantling and departure
of Hong Kong's cherished immor-
tals.

He expressed great indignation
at the time and said that the
Japs had not done the job but a
local contractor, who had carried
out "Operation Old Identities"
for a few bags of rice - and quite
voluntarily - to curry favour with
the invaders.

Whether this was actually the
case I am not aware but I have
never seen any mention of who
did this job in our war crimes
or treason trials.

Surely the removal of our
Great Queen's effigy comes at
least under the heading of lese
majeste? And it should not be
difficult to arraign the real per-
petrator of this outrage, thereby,
of course, preventing idle gossip
against gentlemen who had no
part in it?

WONKY WILLIE.

Traffic

Sir,-Will you kindly permit
me some space in your valued
journal to say something about
the "Traffic Criticism" which al-
ready appeared in your esteemed
papers the last two days.

Regarding the suspension of
licence or taking the public
vehicles off the road, on account
the drivers have been committed
three offences, such as speeding,
touting for hire, carrying extra
passengers, sounding the horn
unnecessarily or accidents on the
road.

I sincerely wish the local Au-
thorities or your readers to in-
form me, how the owner of the
vehicles can control these mat-
ters as most of the public vehi-
cles are driven by pay drivers.

Once a car leaves the garage on
road, is entire on the hands of
the drivers, whether he runs 5
m.p.h. or 60 m.p.h., the owner
can never follow and keep watch
all the time. If some one hires
a car from say Happy Valley to
Kum Ling Restaurant, West
Point, after dropping off the
passengers, on the way back to
Happy Valley, the driver may
like to have an extra trip, i.e.
picking up another passenger in
front of the Queen's Theatre to
earn a small tips and being
caught by a Police Officer charg-
ing him for "Failing to return to
the proper accommodation" ap-
proved by the Commissioner of
Police, another word is "touting-
ing." These kind of offences are
mostly happened without the
consent or even knowledge of the
owner at all.

But the owners
have to suffer great losses when
the vehicle being suspended for
three calendar months for busi-
ness.

Besides this, when any driver,
being summoned, these summons
are generally delivered to the
drivers' houses, they went to the
Court and paid fines without
giving any information to their
employers, until the Police In-
spector sends for the owner for
suspension of vehicles licences.
What a heavy responsibility!

I personally, knew some pri-
vate car owners, had committed
more than six offences in Court
in a year, yet his driv-
ing licence and car are still on
the road as usual. Why should
the public vehicle being treated
in this manner then?

Before I close, I wish to state
that these informations are ob-
tained from several reliable pub-
lic vehicle owners, as I feel que-
rily for them, trying to earn
honest living or business with
heavy capitals, to give public
service and received this kind of
treatment!

NOT A PUBLIC VEHICLE OWNER.

Britain Today

Sir,-Your correspondent J. B.
has strayed quite a lot from the
point in question. I endorse all
the points raised in her letter of
the 5th inst. In my opinion a
special amendment should be struck
for all British housewives, there
is only one word for their con-
duct throughout the war and in
the present hard times - "Wonder-
ful" - and I sincerely believe
that, if their morale had collaps-
ed - all would have been lost.

Like J.B., my family and I
went through the Blitz, and did
many of the things J.B. was
forced to do, it was a bitter pill
when after the war rations were
reduced, and many other items
put on ration.

What happened immediately
after the war? America stopped
after the war? America stopped
lense lend, if you want food, pay
for it - no sentiment in business,
what a blow for us, we as a
Country bled white paying for
the war, how are we going to get
the necessary cash to pay for
food? - Export Expert and still
more - Exports, certainly gets on
my nerves keep having the word
Export rammed down by throat,
nevertheless we have got to face
up to it.

With regards to statements al-
leged to have been made by Miss
Loretta Young, I still say "Utter
Rubbish and Poppycock." I would
suggest that our friend the Film
Star visits East Side New York
and other working class districts
of America, I'm sure they could
do with her sympathy, essential
foods are rationed there, not
through any shortage, but high
prices Butter, Meat, Eggs etc.
are out of bounds to the small
wage earner, you will remember,
controls were lifted in America
after the war.

If you want to blame the Govern-
ment for the aftermath of the
war, go ahead, that is your De-
mocratic right, I blamed the
Government in 1934 and before
that, for allowing semi starvation
and malnutrition in the lower
working class districts of Lon-
don, Glasgow, Liverpool etc.

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6.45 p.m. - Studio: Terry Lou at the
Piano.

7.00 p.m. - London Relay: World and
Home News.
7.15 p.m. - Studio: "Unit Heats".
7.30 p.m. - Linda Carter Calling H.M.B. "Black
Swan".

8.15 p.m. - Studio: See Tee Rocco Com-
mentary.
8.25 p.m. - Interlude.
8.30 p.m. - Light Orchestral Favourites.
9.00 p.m. - London Relay: News.
9.10 p.m. - Weather Report.

9.15 p.m. - "Saturday Serenade" A Pro-
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9.30 p.m. - H.K.T. Transcription Service:
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- Break.
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AID TO CHINA SCHEME Five Hundred Millions Now Proposed State Department Programme

Washington, Feb. 5. Aid for China, totalling about \$500 million, is proposed in a State Department plan prepared for the National Advisory Council, the United States policy-making body in the field of finance, a Council spokesman confirmed today. This estimate—which may be changed somewhat either by the National Advisory Council or by the Bureau of Budget before reaching Congress—is somewhat higher than the original tentative figures given to Congress by Mr. George Marshall, the Secretary of State, nearly three months ago.

At that time, he spoke of a \$300 million programme to run for 15 months. The \$500 million project is likely to run for about the same period.

American officials said this programme was not comparable to the European recovery programme.

The assistance to be sent under it would be mainly of the relief type, notably over the 15 months, but it was hoped that supplies made available would

help in stabilising the situation so that a long-range plan might be instituted later.

No Guarantee

The programme may be submitted to Congress within the next week or two.

Its opponents claim that the type of supplies to be sent to China—wheat, cotton, petroleum, rice, grains, tobacco and flour—will make it more difficult for the United States to fulfil its obligations under the European recovery programme. It is also argued that, on past record, there can be no guarantee that the National Government will make the best possible use of the assistance rendered.

The programme has been prepared in the insistence of the Republicans in and out of Congress—Senator Arthur Vandenberg, Governor Thomas Dewey, of New York, Mr. John Foster Dulles, and many others are among its proponents—who have intimated that they would be prejudiced against the Marshall Plan unless the State Department made efforts to "stop Communism" in an equally critical area of the world.

Hush—Hush

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee is expected to start hearings of the new programme later this month, as soon as they have dispensed with the Marshall Plan.

Later, the State Department placed a strict curtain of secrecy over the China aid programme. A spokesman said Mr. Marshall personally had ordered the enforcement of a "no comment" rule. He even refused to discuss the National Advisory Council's spokesman's assertion that \$500 million for China that the plan calls for approximately \$470 million for food and raw materials. The additional \$30 million to \$40 million would be for machinery to re-equip Chinese factories.

It was understood that the National Advisory Council and already approved the programme and its final presentation to Congress was, therefore, probable within the next 10 days.

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Pilgrimages To Birla House

Delhi, Feb. 5. Hundreds of people today continued to visit Birla House, where Mr. Gandhi was assassinated, and the Raj Ghat, where he was cremated. The latest stories of how people were affected by the shock of Mr. Gandhi's death concerned a Sadhu (a Hindu holy man) who committed suicide, a merchant who went mad and a man named Godso—the surname of the man held for trial on the charge of murdering the Mahatma—who changed his name to Gandhi.—Reuter.

Swiss Woman Gets Apology

London, Feb. 5. An English magistrate here today told Miss Margaret Herlemann, 59-year-old Swiss tourist, that he was "extremely sorry" she had been arrested, imprisoned and charged with failure to register a change of address. She was acquitted.

Miss Herlemann first appeared in court last Saturday when it was alleged she had been found sleeping in an empty office in a big departmental store. A police witness asked for the charge to be withdrawn as it was found Miss Herlemann had not committed any offence against the Aliens Order.

When she arrived from France, she had permission from the immigration officer not to report to the police for two months.

The magistrate said to Miss Herlemann: "You can go away with a perfectly clean record and I can only express the greatest regret that you have been troubled in this matter."—Reuter.

Chen Cheng In Nanking

Nanking, Feb. 6. General Chen Cheng, acting Army Chief of Staff and director of the President's Headquarters in the Northeast, returned to Nanking last night by air from Mukden. He was accompanied by General Chen Tung-kuo, the deputy director.

General Chen was received by President Chiang Kai-shek shortly after his arrival. It is presumed here that he may not go back to the Manchurian post with General Wei Li-huang now in overall command of military operations in the Northeast.—Reuter-AAP.

ORVILLE WRIGHT WILL

Dayton, Ohio, Feb. 6. The will of Orville Wright directed that the famous plane in which he and his brother made their first flight in 1903 should be left in South Kensington Museum, London.

Wright's attorney, Charles Frankhouser, said that as far as he knew, Wright had never formally indicated that he wished the plane to be brought back to the United States.—United Press

Driver Blamed For Train Smash

EDINBURGH, FEB. 5. THE CRASH OF THE EDINBURGH-KING'S CROSS EXPRESS AT GOSWICK, NORTHUMBERLAND, ON OCT. 26 WHEN 28 WERE KILLED AND 97 INJURED, WAS LARGELY BECAUSE THE DRIVER, THOMAS BEGBIE, DID NOT OBSERVE A DISTANT SIGNAL ON THE LINE, DECLARED LT.-COL. WILSON, CHAIRMAN OF THE RESUMED INQUIRY IN EDINBURGH.

"Nor do I think you tried to observe it," he told Begbie. "You kept hoping you would see it and you did not."

Begbie said that the "distant" signal was obscured by smoke and steam. When he looked for it at Goswick the home signal was off. He took it for granted that it was safe to go on.

A sailor, Leading Stoker Reiden, an acquaintance of Begbie's, had been given permission by him to travel on the footplate.

Of his presence, Lt.-Col. Wilson said: "I find it very difficult to dissociate the presence of an unauthorised man on the footplate in a serious breach of regulations from circumstances in which the accident occurred."

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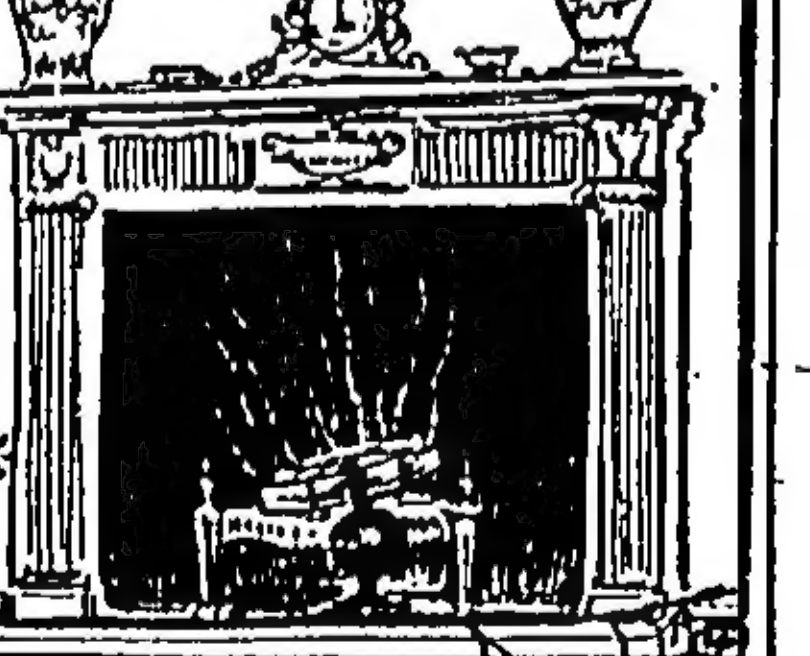
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BRITAIN TAKES HER BEARINGS

From the end of the war down to December 15 last the shaping of the post-war world was controlled—at least in theory—by a four-Power collaboration. With the final break-up of the Foreign Ministers' Conference on December 15, that system came virtually to an end. Traces of it still linger, such as the four-Power controls in Berlin and Vienna. But the Power which wrecked the main machinery—Russia—has not disguised her desire to end these minor machineries also. In the meantime the four Powers are not collaborating; and the question which any British Foreign Secretary must answer is: How does he propose to fill up the resulting vacuum?

Nobody can accuse Mr. Bevin of trying to answer it hastily. He waited more than five weeks before surveying the whole problem in a public utterance. What he eventually did say last week to the House of Commons had evidently passed a full scrutiny by the Cabinet. Endorsed in its main outlines by Mr. Eden and Mr. Churchill on behalf of the Opposition, its policy must be regarded as in every sense national.

Mr. Bevin's first task was to show why collaboration had ceased, and there he had no difficulty in fixing the blame where it belongs. Mr. Gallacher, the Communist, said later in the debate that "the rift between this country and the Soviet Union began with Mr. Churchill's speech at Fulton," but that is quite untrue. The fact is that even since the war ended the Soviet Union has pursued a policy of imperialist aggression, quasi-annexing Poland, Rumania, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Albania and Hungary through puppet Governments, organising actual wars against Greece and a "war of nerves" against Turkey, and treating her ex-Allies and would-be collaborators, Great Britain and America, as enemies whom it has been her business to thwart, insult, attack and injure in every way possible short of formal war.

Mr. Bevin dealt with all this at some length but cautiously, never exaggerating and often understating. He is still very anxious, as he always has been, to leave it as easy as possible for the Soviet to change over from hostility to co-operation. He still nourishes, for instance, a faint hope that Russian consent may be obtained for German currency reform. But it was satisfactory that in reply to Mr. Eden he indicated the Government's intention to go forward at last in any event with that fundamental and much overdue part of any sane programme for Germany.

Yet to expose Russia as the wrecker of peace and recovery, though very necessary at this juncture, is not in itself a positive policy. Now that four-Power collaboration fails us, what else can we take hold of? Mr. Bevin's answer to the question was perhaps the most distinctive feature of his speech—the one which revealed him as not only a patient negotiator but a constructive statesman. His answer was—Europe. The sixteen nations, who joined at Paris in answering Mr. Marshall's challenge can fruitfully be brought into much closer co-operation. Divided they have fallen; united they can stand again. Their populations, when combined, outnumber either Russia or the United States; and if it be objected that they lack area or raw materials, the rejoinder is that, save for Egypt and Abyssinia, nearly the whole of the giant continent of Africa is under their flags. Add their possessions in South-East Asia, and add the leading part that they have played in developing the Arab countries, and it will be seen that their resources are immense, if only they can be co-ordinated. In developing this argument Mr. Bevin prudently abstained from talking about a Federation

Do you want to go to New Zealand? The most highly nationalised country in the British Empire—New Zealand—has now concluded negotiations with the United Kingdom providing for an assisted immigration scheme which will open the doors of the country to thousands of young men and women who wish to emigrate from postwar Britain or the Colonies.

In conjunction with other British Dominions who are now re-opening their immigration quotas, brought to an abrupt halt at the beginning of the war, New Zealand is expanding her manufacturing industries and is in need of people with initiative and the ability to work. The main problem facing the Dominion in this respect is shortage of shipping to transport new settlers, and shortage of accommodation for them when they arrive.

The scheme which is now being introduced provides for free passages for ex-servicemen and women of the U.K. Forces and for assisted passages to civilians, who are expected to pay £10 towards the cost of their

passage. It is a condition of the scheme, however, that applicants must undertake to remain in employment in certain specified occupations for two years after their arrival in the country. In a frank and factual pamphlet prepared by the Immigration Department of the New Zealand Government, details concerning Empire immigration are given.

No Obstacles

Revealing that while the present scheme of free and assisted passages applies only to young, single people in certain occupational categories, the book states that "it should be clearly understood that no obstacles are placed in the way of men and women from Britain and other British countries who are prepared to find their own way out to New Zealand by paying their own passages, and finding their own accommodation when they arrive."

In view of these possibilities now made available to people in the Empire, it will be of interest to know something about the New Zealand of to-day and the standard of living enjoyed by the people in its towns and farmlands.

New Zealand is a little larger than Britain, and covers a total area of about 104,000 square miles. It is made up of two large islands and a number of smaller ones. A land of mountains, rivers, lakes, forests and rich pastureland, New Zealand has in every year as much sunshine as Spain. Its high mountain ranges—the highest peak, Mount Cook, reaches up to 12,349 feet—run almost the entire length of the country. More than half of New Zealand's 1,700,000 people live in the towns and more than a third in the four main centres. Apart from the 96,000 Maoris, New Zealanders are nearly all of British ancestry, most of their grandparents and great-grandparents were English, Scotch, Irish or Welsh and their occupations are those of the people of most countries, farmers, carpenters, engineers, storekeepers, schoolteachers and so on.

Lesson Of 1930's

Until recent years, New Zealand's efforts were concentrated on building up her exports of farm produce, with the result that it became the largest exporter of cheese, mutton and lamb in the world, one of the chief exporters of butter, and the third largest exporter of wool. The depression of the 1930's, however, showed the unfortunate effects of having all one's economic eggs in one basket, and it became clear that if New Zealand was to support a bigger population, it could be done only by diversifying its manufacturing industries. Since that time the manufacturing industries have grown rapidly but there is little heavy industry, no iron or steel production, no industrialisation on the British scale.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By SHEPARD BARCLAY

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EITHER REASON ENOUGH

There are two extremely good reasons for being very about doubling a slam contract which you expect to make a trick. First, the information conveyed by your double may cause the declarer to play the hand so as to nullify the value of the assets with which you hope to down him. But the equally important second reason is found in the tremendous odds you are giving. If you beat the contract, the double gives you only a few extra points, whereas if you fail to, the double presents the declarer with many more.

S. K. Q 10
H. 9 2
D. J 10 7 2
C. 10

6. None
H. A Q J 8 5
D. A 5
C. A 9 8 7 6 5

(Dealer: South, North-South vulnerable.)
South West North East
1 C Pass Pass 4 S
4 H Pass 5 H Pass
Pass 5 S 6 C Dbl

There were some interesting passes in that auction: North's first one was very sound, his second very conservative in appearance, but not so much so actually with a partner who could make that vulnerable "reverse" bid of hearts at the four level; it was done truly in the hope that the opponents would be lured into going on with a spade sacrifice, so that

The standard of living in New Zealand is higher than in most countries, and this is borne out by the fact that people live longer in that country than anywhere else in the world. As is generally known, New Zealand is a great promoter of Labour legislation. Anyone working in the country more than 40 hours a week is paid at overtime rates and all workers must receive by law at least two weeks annual holiday on full pay. Wages and hours of work are fixed in industries and trades and membership of trade unions is compulsory wherever workers are organised into unions, as nearly all are.

Minimum Wages

By an Act passed in 1945 minimum adult wages covering all types of employment were fixed on the following weekly basis: Males receive not less than £5.15s. a week, women receive not less than £3.3s. a week. As an example of how far these wages—which are the lowest received by any worker—will go to ensure a good standard of living, the following price rates are given.

Butter costs 1/6d or \$1.20, per pound; cheese 1/- or 80 cents; sugar 4d or 25 cents; meat from 5d (35 cents) to 1/3d (\$1); potatoes 3d or 20 cents; and bread 5 1/2d or 40 cents, per two pound loaf. Tailored suits cost from sixteen guineas upwards or \$250, women's frocks range from 65 shillings or \$52. Men's shoes cost from thirty to forty five shillings, or \$28 to \$56. House rents charged by landlords are not exorbitant.

Apart from New Zealand's Social Security legislation which provides an assured income in cases of sickness, free medical and hospital care are provided, and at private hospitals the basic fee (nine shillings or \$7.50c.) is deducted from the patient's bill and paid by the State. Free medical attention and hospital care or home nursing are provided for expectant mothers.

Education Openings

Education in New Zealand is free from kindergarten to university. Attendance at school is compulsory between the ages of seven and 15. At three, a child may enter a free kindergarten which is controlled by a Free Kindergarten Association, subsidised by the Government. At five he may be enrolled at a State primary school all of which are co-educational. A free dental service is provided and also free milk daily and apples in season.

There are two forms of income taxation in the country. A flat rate charge on all salaries, wages and other income is payable by everyone over 16 years of age and is a charge of 1/6d or \$1.20c. in the pound on

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CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"Mind if I borrow your cuspidor a minute, guv'nor? The pedestrians are as thick as fleas today!"

SEGMENT OF THE S'HA! SCENE

By A.M. GOUL

The old woman hobbled on the curb across the street alongside the cotton truck at a half-rot as it pulled slowly away from the docks and headed into the Bund away from the wharf.

As the truck turned into the thoroughfare, the old woman began tearing and jerking at broken places in the jute wrapping of the bales, and stuffed her pockets with cotton as she jogged along with the truck as it moved slowly through the crawling, jangling traffic.

She was having fun. A wide smile split her wrinkled face as she kept pace with the truck. When her pockets filled with the fleece, she began stuffing it into the bosom of her faded jacket. She soon began to bulge in peculiar distortion with the flaked padding.

The two guards squatting on a pile at the head of the truck decided it had gone far enough. One picked up a whip—a four-foot long knotted rope attached to a yard-long staff. He lashed out at the old woman.

Derisive Gesture

She laughed in his face, dodged the blow, grabbed another handful in a derisive gesture, and waddled over to the curb. No sooner had she moved off than from the other side of the street darted two young girls who began tearing at the bales from their side as the truck moved on down the Bund.

The white-helmeted traffic police paid no attention. Their job was to direct traffic not to guard moving cotton. And as seen as the two younger "cotton pickers" were driven off by the whip-wielding guards, others would move.

It was not a new thing for Shanghai's waterfront. It's been going on a long time, and will go on for a long time to come.

It's not merely getting a handful of cotton now and then. The women of the waterfront and their children long ago became experts in reaching and salvaging whatever was available to give them an extra bite to eat, or something they could trade or sell for food. Not a grain of corn, a single dried pea, or a soybean goes to waste.

Waiting And Watching

As the bags of rice, or corn, or other dried cereals or vegetables are trundled off the steamers along the Bund, or packed piggy-back style by coolies off the sampans lining the banks of Soochow Creek between Garden Bridge and Szechuan road, women and children squat

on the curb across the street watching and waiting. Let a sack of corn burst as it is tossed on to a truck; let a few dried peas roll to the ground; let a sack of rice spill its contents. Women and children will dash in with pans and brooms and sweep it up if there's enough to push into a pan. If only a few grains, they pick up with their fingers, popping the food into their mouths or their pockets.

Another segment of the scene is the professional beggar, sometimes a man, sometimes a woman, kneeling from dawn to dark on the pavement, head bowed, hands clasped, uttering never a word. The story of their misfortune is told on a printed sheet weighted down with stones. The sheets are paid for, and the stations assigned by the heads of the organization to which they belong and with which they share their collections.

Trained Babies

Almost universally, the professional beggars seek to add pathos to their story by a small child, bundled head to foot in dirty blankets, who lies face down, at full length, beside the printed sheet, never moving. They are trained from babyhood. They will become professional beggars when they grow up.

Or there will be a group of refugees from the war areas, living in squalor, in cold, unheated, unfurnished upper floors of brick and concrete buildings. Men, women, children. Sometimes as many as 200 of them piled together with their blankets, their few clothes, their pots and pans and braziers, huddled on their pallets stretched out on the concrete floor. Their life is a daily routine of waiting for their meals to be sent around by the city's Social Welfare Department.

The city does the best it can, but there are hundreds of thousands more just like them. They pour into the city every day.

Death, to the masses, is little tragedy. A recent week-end of below-freezing weather left more than 200 dead, most of them children.

The story failed to rate page-one display in the city's newspapers. It was not news to Shanghai. Just another page in its history.

ST. PAUL'S CANON DEAD

London, Feb. 4.
Canon Sidney Arthur Alexander, Treasurer of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, since 1909, died today at the age of 82.

Once described as the "cornerstone of St. Paul's", the canon raised £400,000 for its preservation during his years of office.

When Lord Langland, then Archbishop of Canterbury, unveiled a portrait of Canon Alexander in recognition of his work, he called him the man "who has done more than any other to see that Westminster's great masterpiece was to be preserved for ever."—Reuter.

gross income from all sources. Income tax is a separate tax payable at graduated rates on the balance of income remaining after deductions for dependents.

The basic rate commences at 2/6d or \$2 in the pound. No tax is paid on the first £200 of income. On an income of £500 per year, subject to the usual life insurance exemptions and Social Security tax, the tax is \$48.

Tomorrow's Problem

S. K. Q J 9 4
H. K 10 4 3
D. 6
C. K 5 2

S. A 6 5
H. 8 7 6 2
D. K J 10
C. 5 3

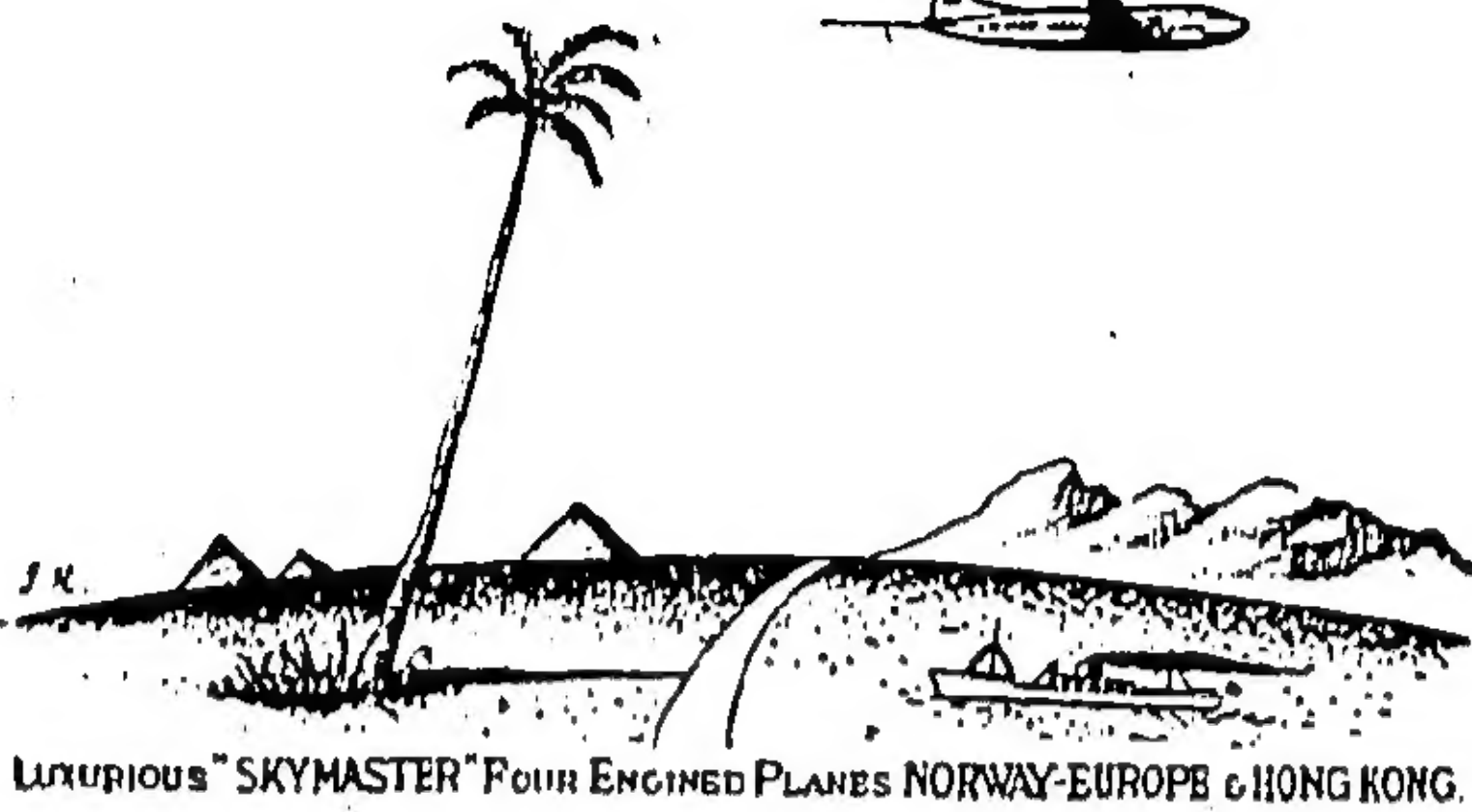
8. 10 8 7 5 2
H. None
D. A 9 4
C. A Q 6 4 3

(Dealer: West, North-South vulnerable.)
After the club 10 lead, how can South play to make his 6-Spades?

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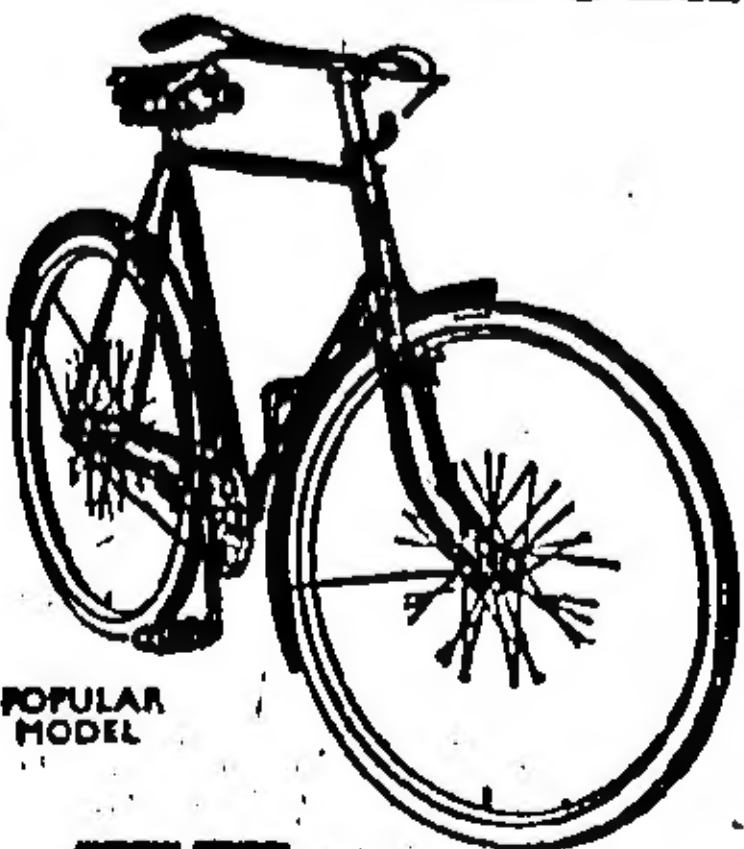
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HONG KONG AND JAPAN

Colony May Send An Adviser To Peace Talks

Question Raised In Parliament

London, Feb. 5.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, told the House of Commons today that, wherever it was desirable and feasible, the colonial governments directly concerned with the Japanese peace settlement would be invited to attach advisers to the British delegations in future talks.

Mr. William Teeling, who recently returned from a visit to the Far East, had asked the Prime Minister why the Hong Kong Government was not represented at the Canberra talks on a peace treaty with Japan.

He also wanted to know whether, "as the Foreign Office is not equipped to put Hong Kong's point of view," the colony would be more adequately represented at any further peace talks.

Mr. Attlee replied: "The purpose of these talks was an informal exchange of views in broad lines and without commitment between the Commonwealth Ministers."

"The interests of Hong Kong, as of other Far Eastern colonial territories, were represented by the United Kingdom delegation."

Advisers

"The United Kingdom delegation, at meetings of this kind, do not represent any single department of the British Government, and it is their normal responsibility to represent the interests of the colonial empire equally with those of the United Kingdom."

"In any further conferences concerned with the Japanese peace settlement, we shall naturally continue to discharge this responsibility, but, wherever it is desirable and feasible to do so, we shall be glad to invite the colonial Governments directly concerned to attach advisers to the United Kingdom delegation."—Reuter.

German Marshal's Suicide

Nuremberg, Feb. 5.

Colonel General Johannes Blaskowitz, former German Field-Marshal who led an Army Group against the British and Canadian armies on the Western Front at the end of the war, committed suicide this morning by leaping from the top floor of the Nuremberg Court prison, as the last big trial of 14 Nazi war chiefs, of which he was one, was about to begin.

He was being led, with the other defendants, up the prison stairs on the way to the court when he suddenly broke away, climbed over a high barred wire barrier, and hurled himself down a shaft.

He died later in a United States military hospital.

His suicide was the ninth successful death attempt in the prison behind the Palace of Justice since the start of the trial against Hermann Goering and his co-defendants.—Reuter.

Persia Rejects Soviet Menace Note

Teheran, Feb. 5.

Persia has not only rejected a Soviet note on the alleged activities of the United States military mission here, but counter-accused the Russians of protecting frontier "marauders," it was disclosed tonight when the official text of the Persian reply was made known.

Rejecting the Soviet charges of American interference in Persian affairs, the note disclosed that Persia intended, when the war ended, to buy arms from the Soviet Union, but the proposed prices were not acceptable.

The Americans offered lower prices, so Persia decided to buy from the United States.

The note accused the Soviet Government of having encouraged Azerbaijan's separatist movement against the Persian Government in 1946 and of having given the rebel leaders refuge.

The note ends with an appeal to the Soviet Union to cease to protect "adventurers and marauding elements," whose activities inside Russia are, it says, directed against Persia's security.—Reuter.

Canadian Ambassador To Visit H.K.

Nanking, Feb. 5.

Justice T. C. Davis, Canadian Ambassador to China, and Mrs. Davis, will pay an official visit to Hong Kong, Canton and Taiwan during the next three weeks.

According to their tentative schedule, Ambassador and Mrs. Davis will leave Shanghai by plane for Hong Kong on Feb. 8 and will remain there until Feb. 22, except for a sidetrip to Canton.

On Feb. 17, Ambassador and Mrs. Davis will fly to Canton where they will stay three days. Returning to Hong Kong on Feb. 19, they will proceed to Taiwan on Feb. 22 and tour the island for a week.

They will fly back to Hong Kong on March 1, and from there board a plane for Shanghai and Nanking.—Central News.

EXPRESS OFF

Istanbul, Feb. 5.

The Simplon Orient express has been suspended, it was reported today, because the Greek Government no longer guarantees the safe crossing of Eastern Thrace, owing to guerrilla activity.—Reuter.

Extension of BOAC

London, Feb. 5.

Extension of the British Overseas Airways Corporation's operations from Hong Kong to Japan will, it is hoped, be made in the near future. Mr. George Lindgren, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Civil Aviation, told a questioner in the House of Commons yesterday.

He added that ultimately, when adequate technical facilities could be made available, it was proposed that the service should terminate at Tokyo. Meanwhile, it was proposed to terminate the service at Iwakuni.—Reuter.

Ballerina's Legacy

London, Feb. 5.

Sir Hugo Cunliffe-Owen, race-horse owner and yachtsman, left half the residue of his £1,000,000 fortune to Miss Marjorie Cunliffe-Owen, ballerina, who adopted his name four months before his death.

Sir Hugo's will was published today and shows that he left £1,353,744 on which duty was £813,376.

After small bequests and one of £15,000 to the executor, he left half of the rest to Miss Cunliffe-Owen and the rest on trust for her.

Sir Hugo's home was raided on Monday by thieves who stole jewels worth £20,000.—Reuter.

Exploiting Hunger Of Children

New York, Feb. 4.

Mr. Chester Bowles, American Chairman of the United Nations Appeal for Children, charged today that both the United States and Russia were exploiting children's hunger in the name of power politics.

In a statement to newsmen on his arrival from Poland, Mr. Bowles said Europe needs help in food but that the needy nations were unanimous in their abhorrence of the political conditions in which so much of their daily bread is wrapped.

"Food shipments by the United States and by the Soviet Union are being used to sway the minds of the people as much as they are to ease the hunger pangs in their stomachs."

"France and Italy are being saved today by American grain; Poland, Czechoslovakia and other Eastern countries are being saved by Soviet grain."

"The political trends of the moment decide who gets what from whom."

"East and West, the people deeply resent this corruption of a humanitarian purpose—this exploitation of their children's hunger in the name of power politics."

"They must have food at any cost, but they are bitter at having to swallow the hammer and"

sickle of the American eagle to get it.

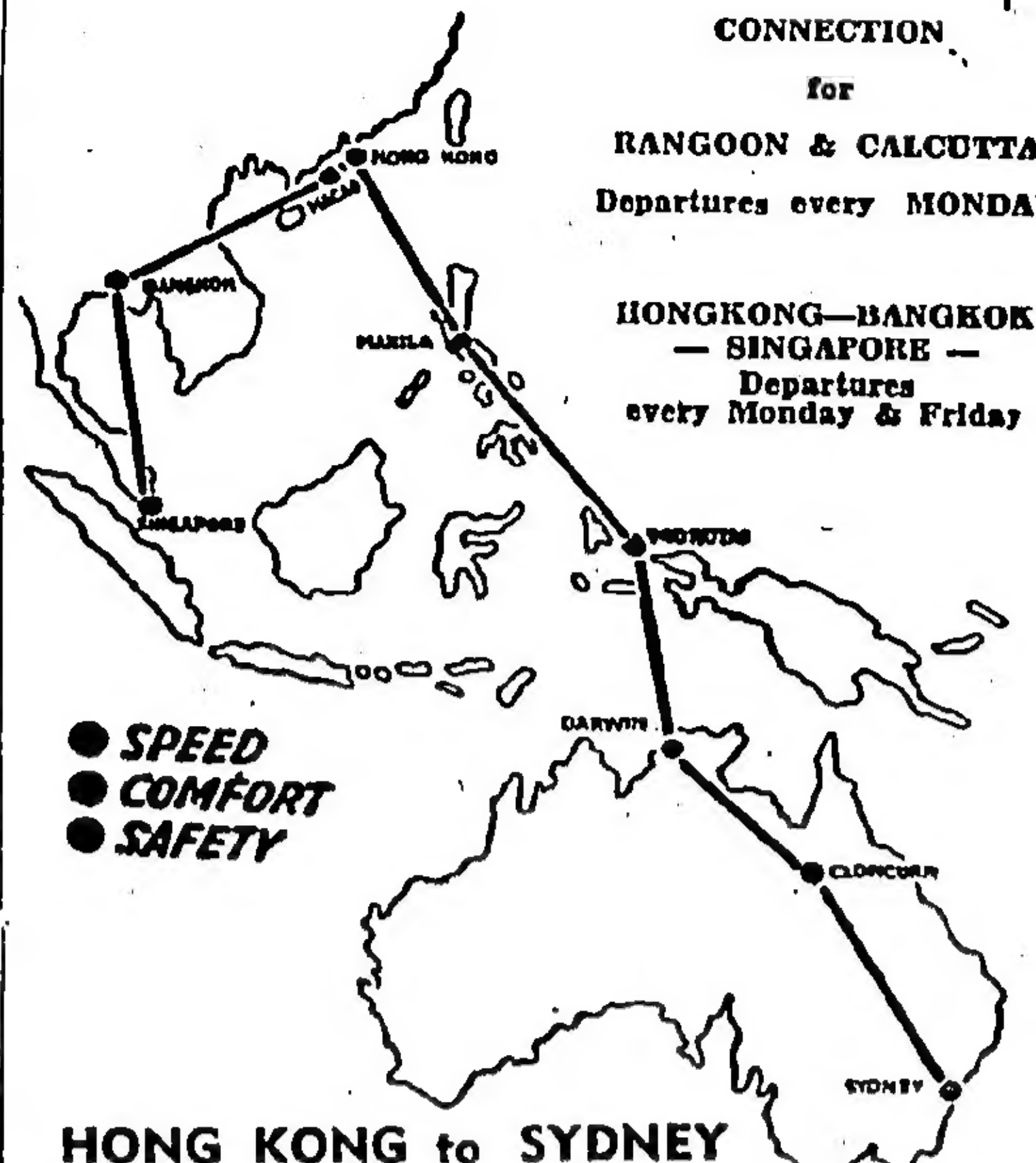
"This shocking situation has developed gradually through moves and counter-moves. It must sometime soon be terminated. In the meantime, at least we must gain for the children the status of non-belligerents."—Reuter.

COMMUNIST PAPER FINED

Paris, Feb. 5.

M. Marcel Cachin, Director of the official French Communist Party newspaper, l'Humanite, and M. Georges Cogniot, a member of the editorial staff, were each fined 10,000 francs today for publishing libellous articles in the paper against the extreme right wing Republican Party of Liberty deputy, M. Frederic Dupont.—Reuter.

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MINISTRY DENY STEEL CUT

Commenting on the statement made by Sir Reginald Rootes, the Ministry of Supply state that the steel to be allocated to the motor industry for both the first and second quarters of 1948 is larger than the allocation for the last quarter of 1947, when production has been running at a rate of 310,000 cars a year.

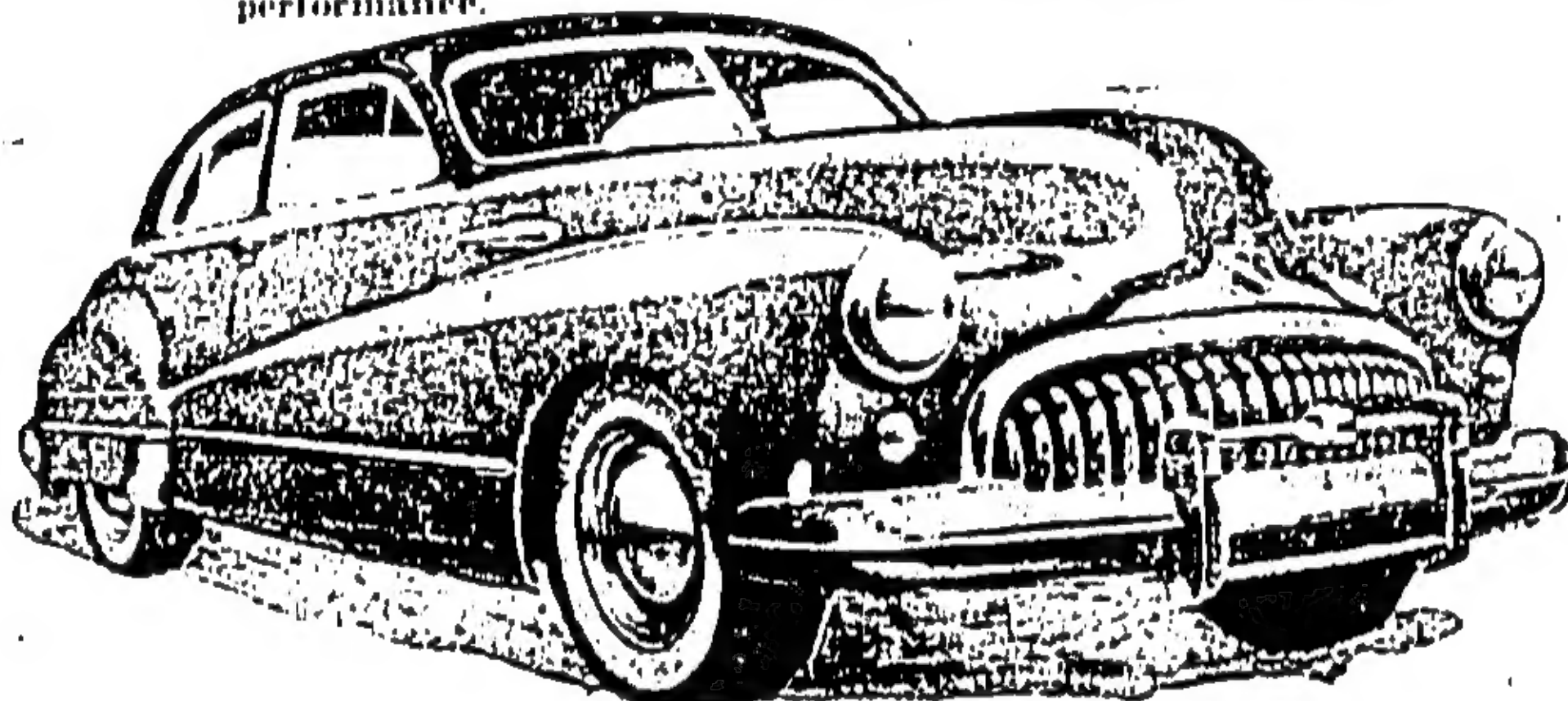
No forecast of allocation for the remainder of 1948 has been given, but there is no ground for assuming that when the allocations are made they will not show an increase. For motor cars the export target is at the rate of 315,000 per year at the end of 1948, which, with an allowance for home requirements, involves production reaching approximately a rate of 300,000.

It is quite wrong, the Ministry adds, to suggest that the requirements of the motor industry have not been given due consideration.

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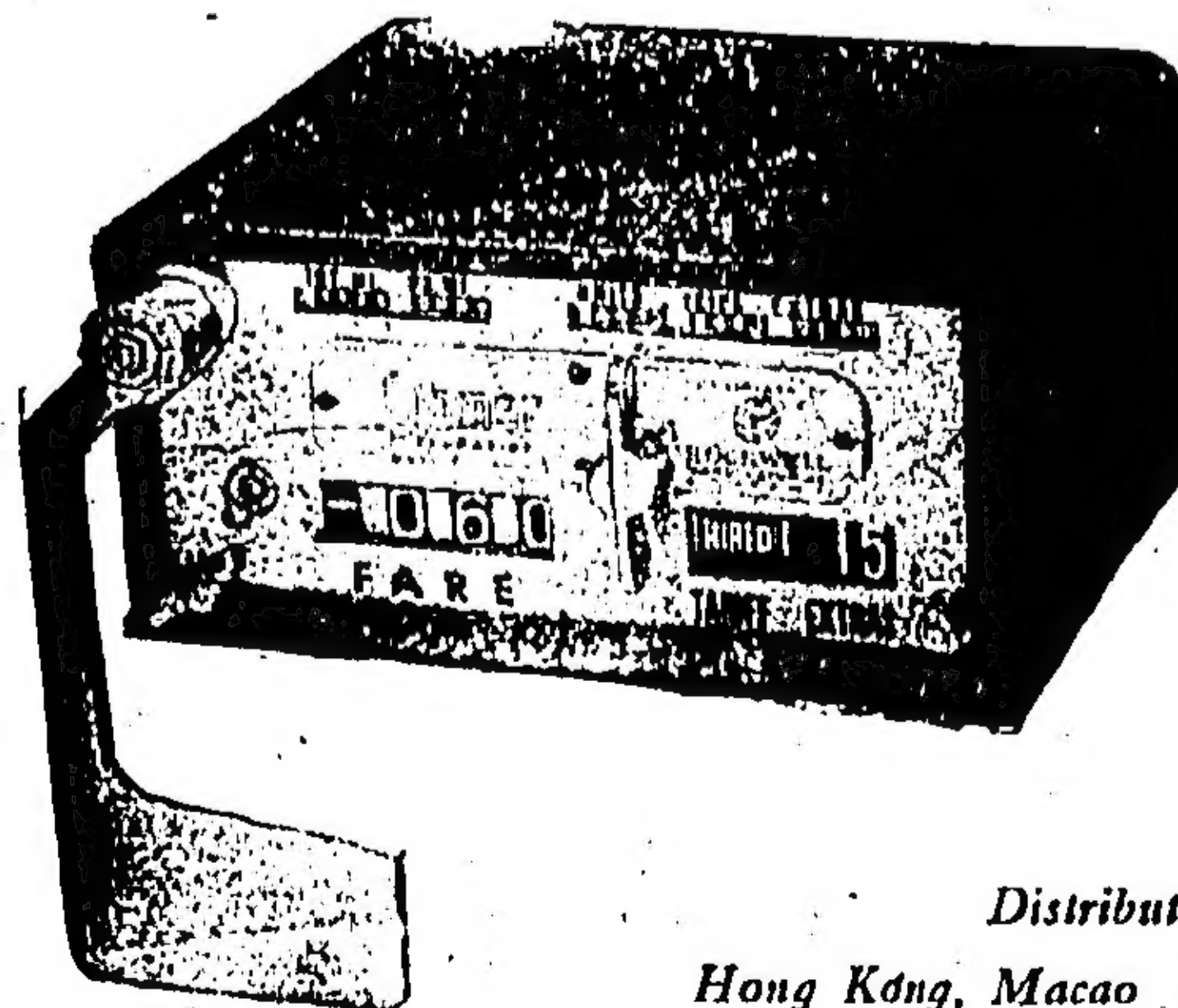
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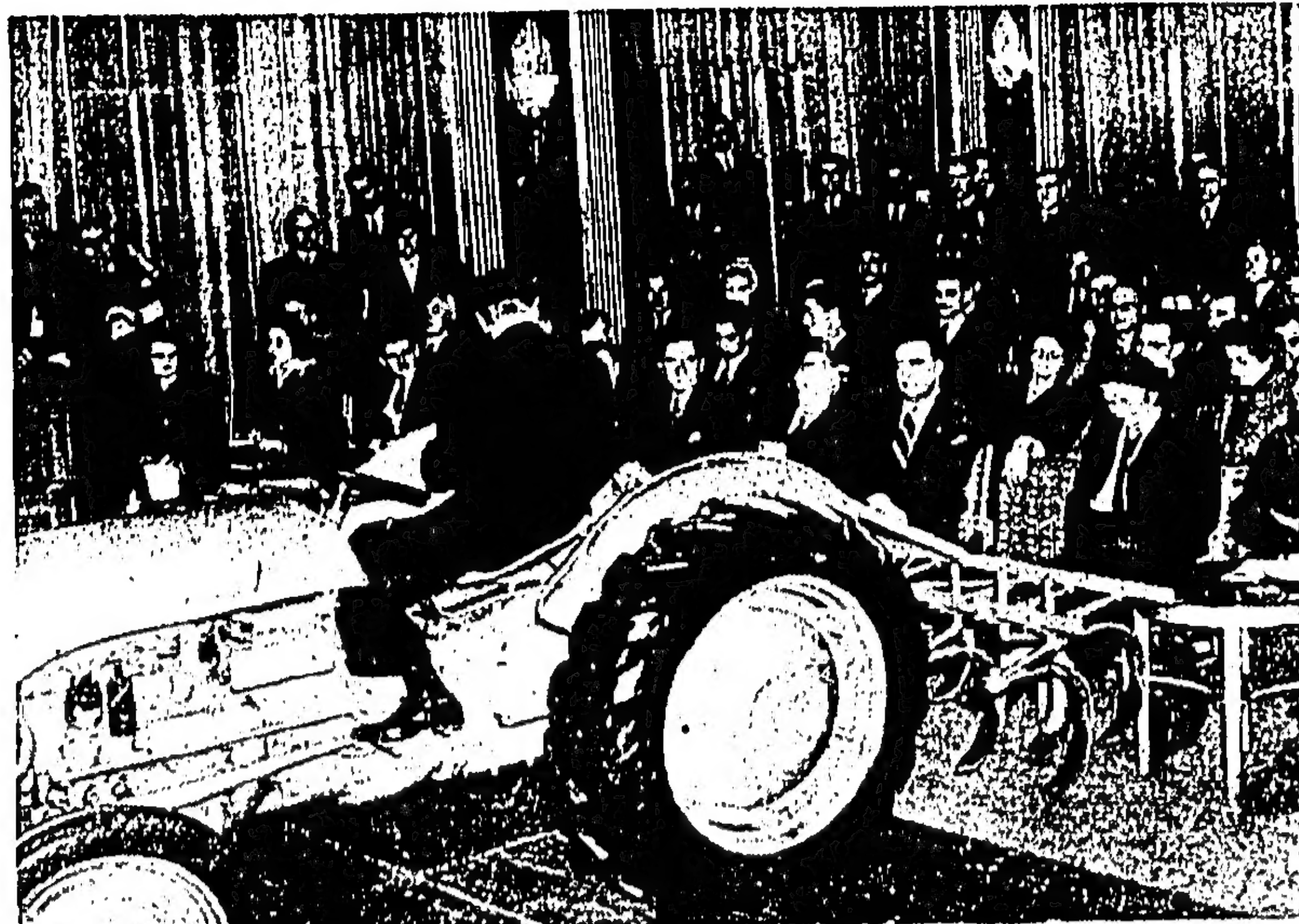
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MOTURING NEWS AND VIEWS

A Tractor Takes The Floor



Spectators watched as Mr. Harry Ferguson, the inventor, drove one of his tractors around the floor of the ballroom of Claridges Hotel, London, January 22. Harry Ferguson Limited, of Coventry, recently received a £5,000,000 American order for his tractors.

Direction Indicator Trouble

Regarding the direction indicators on current cars, we have had an idea with which you may or may not agree. The main trouble with "flippers"—even the so-called self-cancelling sort—is that they tend to go on sticking out when they should have flopped back, thus misleading the traffic behind.

On one car the trafficator switch is mounted on an arm jutting out from the steering column in such a way that one can flip the switch with one's right forefinger without taking the hand from the wheel. The switch itself is spring-loaded, so as to return to the neutral position unless moved all the way into the right-or-left-hand notch. Now, therefore, we have taken to using the same technique with my "flippers" as one does with a hand—in other words, we press the button, lightly before making a turn, and then, having made a signal, we let the arm flop back. In this way there is no risk of it sticking up too long. Having been misled by non-cancelling direction indicators on other cars several times in the past week, we suggest that it might be a good idea in future to make only positive signal switches, i.e., ones which work only while a button is pressed.

FROST DAMAGE — GARAGE LIABILITY

In an action described as a test case, at Bristol County Court, Judge Wethered ruled that a garage was liable for damage to a customer's car and that warning notices disclaiming liability are not sufficient. An appeal against this decision is being considered by garage proprietors in the West Country and the advice of the Motor Agents' Association is being sought.

Evolution Of The Hillman Minx

Few popular models can trace such a long history of continuous evolution as the Hillman Minx. The type first appeared at the Motor Show in October, 1931, and during the ensuing sixteen years it has remained in continuous production (apart from the war period, although even then large numbers were produced for Service use), the design being steadily modified and improved in the light of new experience and new needs.

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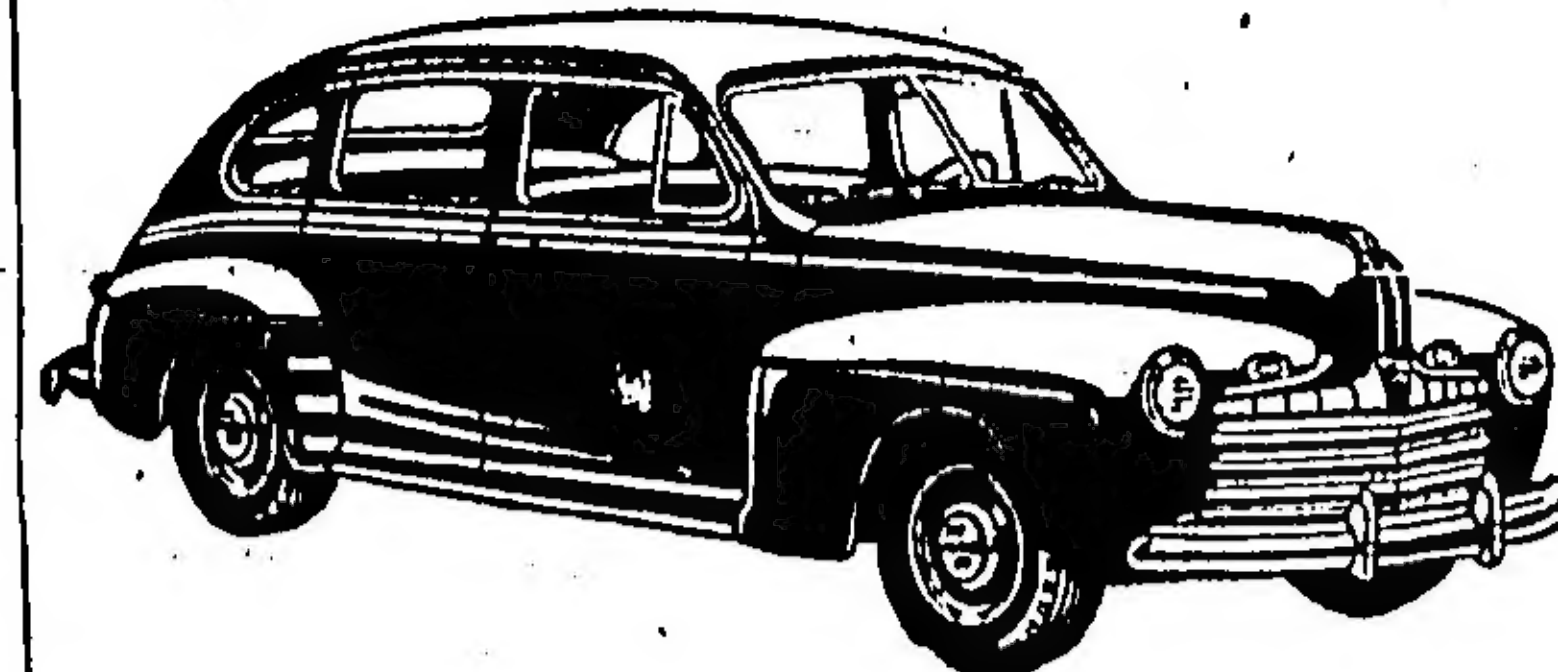
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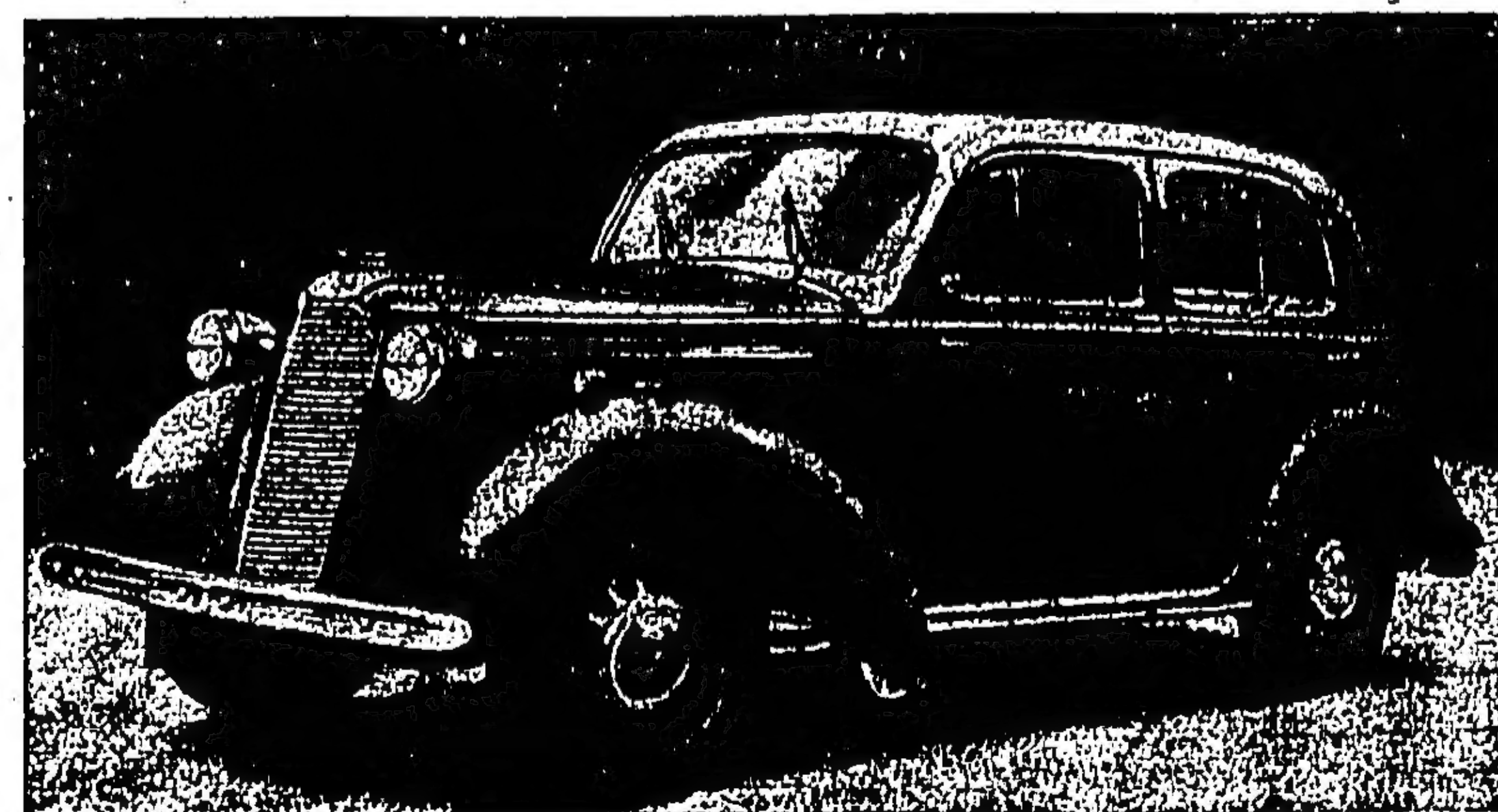
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Gordon Bennett Defends Sir Robert Brooke-Popham

"QUIET RETIRING AND EFFICIENT"

Canberra, Feb. 5.

Lieutenant General Gordon Bennett, the Australian commander who escaped from Malaya after the Japanese victory in 1942, today defended Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, whose despatches on the Malayan campaign were published a fortnight ago.

Writing for the "Fortnightly Observer," General Bennett said: "Brooke-Popham was not a showman. On the contrary, he was quiet, retiring and efficient."

"War correspondents criticised him rather severely, due, in my opinion, to the fact that he made no attempt to impress them."

"Like so many British leaders, he looked on war correspondents as superfluous. At press conferences, he gave the impression that he was tired and lacking in virile energy. In fact, he had an excellent grip of his task and worked hard and efficiently, though not spectacularly."

General Bennett said: "The staff of the Commander-in-Chief of the Far Eastern theatre was very small and unlike other British staffs in World War II which were extremely cumbersome. He had three principal staff officers, one from each of the services. Apart from these, he had practically no staff."

Inferior Planes

"The plane shortage was serious, but more serious still was the quality of our planes in comparison with the efficient and superior Japanese planes."

Writing on the decision to cancel the "Operation Matador" plan to move the 11th Indian Division forward into Sumatra to deal with any attempted Japanese landing, General Bennett said this was wise, as the "operation was doomed to failure."

"One division, in size and quality, could not possibly have prevented the landings," General Bennett said.

"On Dec. 6, 1941, our Air Force reported two Japanese convoys. Until it was certain, without doubt, that the fleet was destined for Malaya, Air Chief Marshal Brooke-Popham was unable to attack."

"Weak"

"It was weak, however, to send a single Catalina to shadow the fleet. The plane was probably destroyed. A flight, or at least two planes, may have enabled the news, so urgently needed, to reach the Commander-in-Chief."

General Bennett continued: "The need for news of the destination of the Japanese fleet was so important that the Commander-in-Chief would have been justified in sending out as powerful a reconnaissance unit with a covering unit as he could spare."

"Had the enemy attacked this unit, a cause belli would have arisen at once, possibly some hours before the Japanese intended. Maybe it would have had the effect of warning the United States Fleet in Pearl Harbour."

"Air cover was refused Phillips" (Vice Admiral T. Phillips who went down with the Prince of Wales) small but powerful naval squadron because the northern Malayan aerodromes were untenable or badly damaged."

German Methods

"A fighter squadron arriving to see the Prince of Wales sinking. If the planes could reach the place where the ships were attacked after the attack, they could have reached there in time to save the ships."

General Bennett disagreed with that section of the report claiming that the fighting was under conditions with which the British Empire had very little experience and that the lack of tanks was a serious handicap.

He stated that the Japanese used infiltration methods adopted by the Germans in the early European fighting.

"All these methods adopted by the Japanese in Malaya were, at least in part, responsible for the failures in battle," he said.

Pacifism

"Subsequent operations in the Pacific islands showed little scope for tanks in jungle country. The Japanese tanks in Malaya were easily dealt with."

"The Commander-in-Chief could well have placed at the front of all the reasons for the lack of preparedness of our Empire for war and the development, during the peace years, of a pacifist attitude."

"This made our leaders passive and destroyed aggressiveness, a trait essential in war leaders." — Reuter.

N.Y. Stock Market

New York, Feb. 6. Chilled by another noisive day of major commodities, the stock market reached a new bottom, although late bidding for a technical comeback reduced early losses ranging to two or more points. Eastern Transfers were 1,200,000 shares. In addition to tumbling commodities, Wall Street still was pessimistic about taxes, possible further anti-inflation moves by the Government, and foreign situations. Among losers were Allied Stores, Warner Brothers, Dow Chemical, Santa Fe, Union Pacific. Modest gainers included American Airlines, Consolidated, Edison Electric.

Dow Jones Average: Stocks 51.18, 20 Industrials 165.18, 15 Rails 49.35, 20 Utilities 32.17. Closing stock quotations:—American Can 16 1/2, American Smelting 50, American Telephone 130 1/2, American Tobacco 65 1/2, American Copper 28, Aviation Corp. 4 1/2, Baldwin Locomotive 18 1/2, Barnhill 33 1/2, Bendis 20 1/2, Bethlehem Steel 25, Boeing Aircraft 23, Borden Co. 40 1/2, Canadian Pacific 11 1/2, J. I. Case 39, Chrysler 26 1/2, Colgate 41 1/2, Commercial Solvents 20 1/2, Corn Products 81 1/2, Dupont 17 1/2, Eastman Kodak 35 1/2, Electric Light & Power 15 1/2, General Electric 33 1/2, General Motors 54, Goodrich 30 1/2, Goodyear 41, Homestake Mining 29 1/2, International Harvester 24 1/2, International Paper 47 1/2, International Tel & Tel 13 1/2, Johns-Manville 35 1/2, Kennecott Copper 44 1/2, Montgomery Ward 50, National Distillers 19 1/2, National Lead 41, New York Central 14 1/2, Packard Motors 4 1/2, Pan American Airways 9, Pennsylvania RR 17 1/2, Radio Corp. 6 1/2, Real Bilt 12 1/2, Republic Steel 23 1/2, Reynolds Tobacco 28 1/2, Schenley 27 1/2, Sears Roebuck 22 1/2, Shell Oil 31 1/2, Stearns Vacuum 15 1/2, Southern Pacific 44 1/2, Standard Brands 25 1/2, Standard Oil of Calif. 28 1/2, Standard Oil of N.J. 20 1/2, Studebaker 18 1/2, Union Bag 29 1/2, Union Carbide 24 1/2, US Rubber 42 1/2, US Steel 71 1/2, US Lines 19 1/2, Westinghouse 24 1/2, Youngtown Sheet & Tube 29 1/2, Gen. Pub. Utilities 11 1/2.—Associated Press.

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New Plan For Russian Wives

London, Feb. 5. The Foreign Minister, Mr. Ernest Bevin, is considering a letter from the British husbands of Russian wives urging him to take active steps to secure parity in the number of visas granted to Soviet citizens with the number allowed to Britain.

If Britain decides on the visa parity it would mean that many wives and children of Soviet citizens in Britain would have to leave.—Reuter.

Missing Plane Hope Fades

Miami, Florida, Feb. 5.

The United States Coast Guard here said today that the all night vigil for a renewal of SOS messages believed possibly to have come from survivors of the British South American Airways Tudor-4 "Star Tiger" which disappeared on a flight to Bermuda from the Azores, had proved fruitless.

The signals, reported to have been heard on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning by numerous radio stations along the Atlantic coast, were stated to have been tapped out in a makeshift code by someone who apparently did not know the Morse code.

Radio monitoring would continue today and tonight, the Coast Guard said.—Reuter.

New Member Of Cominform

Helsinki, Feb. 5.

The Finnish Communist Party decided today to join the Cominform.

An announcement is expected within the next few days.

Other members of the Cominform are Russia, Poland, Rumania, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, France and Italy.—Reuter.

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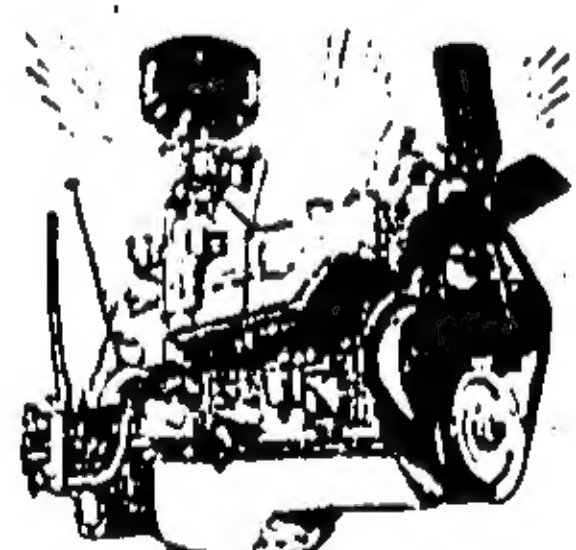
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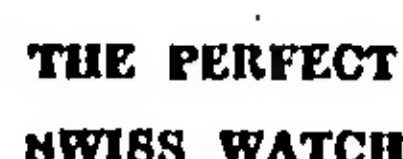
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This race for "D" Class Australian ponies with winners \$2,000 or more in stakes since Sept. 1, 1947, barred is more less in the nature of a retirement engagement between: Jack (Mr. Ostroumff), Rosebud (Mr. Shieh), Al Fresco (Mr. S. Lee) and Blue Peter (Mr. Black). In the Victoria Handicap on the mile on the first day of the Annual Meeting, in which they clashed, Jackal managed to snatch a grand victory from Rosebud, but this was due more to Mr. Shieh's over-confidence than the poor performance of the pony. Today, Rosebud will be carrying 144 lbs. instead of 135 lbs. The pendulum in betting will probably swing towards Jackal by virtue of his win in about race, although it has been penalized by 13 lbs. I think it will just about accomplish again, but Rosebud, must seriously considered as a potential danger. Carrying 149 lbs. Al Fresco cannot expect to be better than fill third place, for those who are on the look

Ninth Race

Mrs Bay Stakes. — (Four Sections). — **One Mile.**

This is the final event of the day, in which the last lot of the First Batch of 1940 Australian Subscription ponies that have not won \$1,000 or more in stakes will settle the argument. Local favourites at the entries, it would appear that Pleasant Valley (Mr. Ho Hong Ping), which was regarded as among the best of this year's Australian ponies, suffered the effect of the 6-4 rounds run away gallop on Dec. 18, 1939, which prevented it from making an appearance during the Christmas Festival. It is, therefore, making its debut this afternoon, and without belittling the opposition I am of the opinion that Pleasant Valley should probably be regarded without too much difficulty. City of Melbourne (Mr. K. Kwok) was fourth in the All Out Stakes and should take second position. E. the third position a great struggle should ensue between the King of Peace (Mr. Y. K. T. Peter), and Neverthe (Mr. You

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